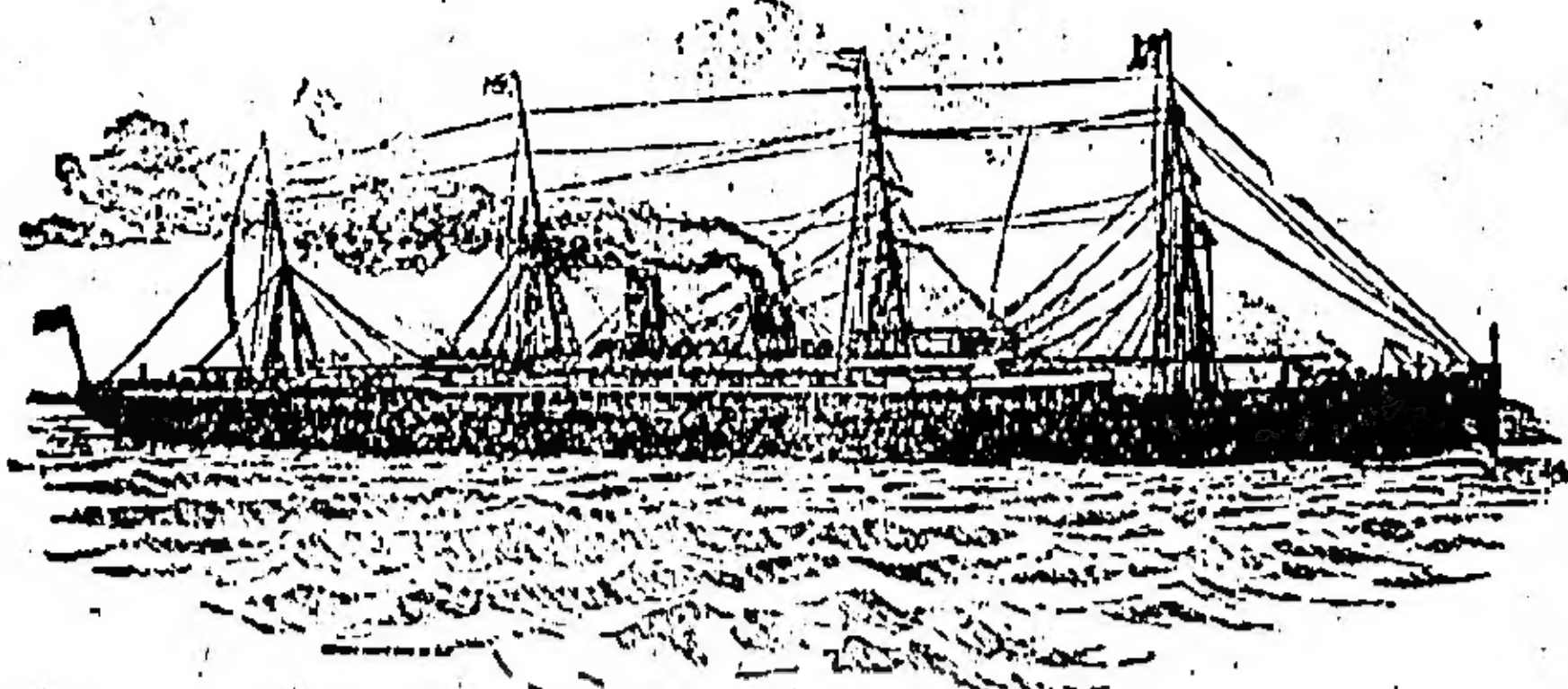


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"KOREA"	11,276 "	SATURDAY, 26th December, at Noon.
"GALLIC"	4,205 "	SATURDAY, 2nd January, 1904, at Noon.
"HONGKONG MARU"	6,307 "	SATURDAY, 9th January, at Noon.
"CHINA"	5,060 "	TUESDAY, 19th January, at Noon.
"DORIC"	4,784 "	FRIDAY, 29th January, at Noon.
"NIPPON MARU"	6,307 "	SATURDAY, 6th February, at Noon.
"SIBERIA"	11,284 "	SATURDAY, 13th February, at Noon.

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PROPOSED SAILINGS FROM HONGKONG.—(SUBJECT TO ALTERATION).

R.M.S. "EMPRESS OF JAPAN"	6,000 Tons.....	WEDNESDAY, 16th December.
"EMPRESS OF CHINA"	6,000 "	WEDNESDAY, 13th January, 1904.
"ATHENIAN"	3,882 "	WEDNESDAY, 27th January.
"EMPRESS OF INDIA"	6,000 "	WEDNESDAY, 10th February.
"TARTAR"	4,475 "	WEDNESDAY, 24th February.
"EMPRESS OF JAPAN"	6,000 "	WEDNESDAY, 9th March.
"EMPRESS OF CHINA"	6,000 "	WEDNESDAY, 30th March.
"EMPRESS OF INDIA"	6,000 "	WEDNESDAY, 20th April.
"ATHENIAN"	3,882 "	WEDNESDAY, 27th April.
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PROPOSED SAILINGS FROM HONGKONG.

STEAMERS.	DESTINATIONS.	SAILING DATES.
ARAGONIA	HAVRE, BREMEN AND HAMBURG.	24th Dec. Freight.
Forst	(Calling at SINGAPORE and COLOMBO).	
NURNBERG	HAVRE AND HAMBURG.	25th Dec. Freight.
Jaburg	(Calling at SINGAPORE and PENANG).	
SAVOIA	ROTTERDAM AND HAMBURG.	1st January, 1904. Freight and
Deinat	(Calling at SINGAPORE).	Passengers.
AMERICA	HAVRE AND HAMBURG.	10th January, 1904. Freight.
Duckstein	(Calling at SINGAPORE and COLOMBO).	
WURZBURG	HAVRE AND HAMBURG.	23rd January, 1904. Freight and
Binzer	(Calling at SINGAPORE and PENANG).	Passengers.
ALESIA	HAVRE AND HAMBURG.	6th February, 1904. Freight.
Schonfeldt	(Calling at SINGAPORE and COLOMBO).	
NUZIA	NEW YORK	About end of December,
von Hoff	Via SUZ.	or beginning of January.

For further Particulars, apply to
HAMBURG-AMERIKA LINIE,
HONGKONG OFFICE,
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Hongkong, 7th December, 1903.

Shipping—Steamers.

HONGKONG, CANTON, MACAO AND
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JOINT SERVICE OF THE HONGKONG, CANTON AND MACAO
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S.S. "HONAM"	2,363 tons.....	Captain H. D. Jones.
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HONGKONG-MACAO LINE.

S.S. "HEUNGSHAN"	1,998 tons.....	Captain W. E. Clarke.
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Do. from Macao to Hongkong daily at 8 A.M. excepted.

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S.S. "LUNGSHAN"	2,191 tons.....	Captain T. Hamlin.
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This steamer leaves Canton for Macao every Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday at about 7.30 A.M.; and leaves Macao for Canton every Monday, Wednesday and Friday at about 7.30 A.M.

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CANTON-WUCHOW LINE.

S.S. "SAINAM"	4,588 tons.....	Captain B. Branch.
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"TAK HING"	518 "	R. D. Thomas.

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Hongkong, 7th November, 1903.

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Hongkong, 15th August, 1903. [19]

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PRICE \$10.50 per case of 48 bottles (quarts)
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Special Prices for Quantities.
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Hongkong, 10th January, 1903. [155d]

Antimations.

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No. 1 DOCK.

Length inside, 514 ft. Width of
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Water on blocks, 27.5 ft. Time to
pump out, 4 hours.

No. 2 DOCK.

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entrance, top 60.5 ft.; bottom 45.8
ft. Water on blocks, 28.5 ft. Time
to pump out, 2 hours.

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The plant and tools are of recent patterns for dealing quickly and cheaply with work,
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Two powerful Twin Screw Towboats are available for taking Vessels in or out of
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Work, and all kinds of Machinery are made on the premises.

Tenders will be made up when required and the workmanship and material will be
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The cost of Docking, and repair work, will be found to compare favourably with that
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(Telephone: Works, No. 508; General, No. 376.)

Telegrams, "Dock, Yokohama," Codes A. I. and A. B. C. (4th).

Yokohama, May 11th, 1903.

[573c]

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For Terms, &c., apply to the

MANAGER.

Hongkong, 2nd July, 1900.

GOVERNMENT NOTIFICATION.

INFORMATION has been received from the
Military Authorities that GUN PRACTICE
will take place from Lyemun (Pak-sha-wan and
Sywan Batteries) in the direction of the entrance
to Junk Bay at ranges from 4,000 to 2,000
yards, on the 10th of December, and from
Stonescutters West Battery in a South-Westerly
direction, at ranges from 2,000 to 600 yards, on
the 11th of December, 1903.
If the weather is unfavourable on either of
the above dates, practice will take place on the
14th of December.
Practice will commence at 9.30 A.M. on the
10th and at 9 A.M. on the 11th, and end at
11 A.M. daily, if the range is clear.
By Command,
A. M. THOMSON,
Acting Colonial Secretary.

Colonial Secretary's Office,
Hongkong, 2nd December, 1903. [1451c]

OWNERS of HOUSES situated in the
Western Division of the City of Victoria
who have not had their Premises LIMEWASH-
ED AND CLEANSED in accordance with Law,
are reminded that the period during which this
work should be FINISHED ends on the 31st
day of December, 1903, and the Sanitary Board
being convinced of the necessity of cleanliness
in its efforts to stamp out Plague, is deter-
mined to rigorously prosecute any owner in
default after the above named date.
By Order of the Board,
G. A. WOODCOCK,
Secretary.

Note:—The Western Division of the City lies
to the West Tank Lane and Cleverly
Street.
Sanitary Board Office,
1st December, 1903. [1450c]

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Hongkong, 14th May, 1904. [8]

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in the Colony or in any part of the Far East.
GROUPS AND VIEWS
a specialty.
Hongkong, 22nd September, 1903. [145c]

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in aid of the
POOR CHINESE ORPHANS of the
ASILE DE LA SAINTE ENFANCE.
Under the Distinguished Patronage of H.E.
The Officer Administering The Government
and Mrs. MAY will be held at the CITY HALL,
TO-MORROW, the 9th instant, at 2 o'clock in
the afternoon.
Hongkong, 8th December, 1903. [1470c]

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STUDIO,
HIGHER CLASS PHOTOGRAPHER,
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PORTRAITS, GROUPS AND ENLAR-
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SUI SANG,
(Lately Practising with Dr. I. SAKATA),
DENTIST,
No. 26, CONNAUGHT ROAD CENTRAL.
Hongkong, 9th February, 1903. [10]

AN APPEAL.

THE SUPERIORESS OF THE ITALIAN
CONVENT, CAINE ROAD, begs most
respectfully to APPEAL to the Residents of
Hongkong and the Coast Ports, for their kind
patronage and support, and desires to state that
she will be pleased to receive orders for all kinds
of NEEDLE WORK.

Gentlemen's Shirts made to order, and Cuffs
and Collars renewed on old ones.
Ladies and Children's Under-clothing, Con-
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Materials can be supplied, if required.
The Superioress will also be most grateful
for any PAPER, or old ENVELOPES to be made
into Books for the Children of the Poor School.
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Hongkong, 12nd April, 1902.

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Hongkong, 1st December, 1903. [1373c]

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MONTHLY SAILINGS FOR LIVERPOOL.

OUTWARDS.

FROM	STEAMERS	DUE
GLASGOW and LIVERPOOL.....	"YANGTSE"	On 13th December.
GLASGOW and LIVERPOOL.....	"TYDEUS"	On 29th December.
GLASGOW and LIVERPOOL.....	"NESTOR"	On 1st January.
GLASGOW and LIVERPOOL.....	"KEEMUN"	On 8th January.

S.S. "DARDANUS" has arrived and leaves for Shanghai to-morrow.

S.S. "YANGTSE" left Singapore on the 7th inst., and is due here on the 13th.

HOMEWARDS.

FOR	STEAMERS	TO SAIL
MARSEILLES, L'DON & A'WERP.....	"HYSON"	On 10th December.
LIVERPOOL.....	"ACHILLES"	On 19th December.
MARSEILLES, L'DON & A'WERP.....	"PROMETHEUS"	On 22nd December.
MARSEILLES, L'DON & A'WERP.....	"DARDANUS"	On 3rd January.
MARSEILLES, L'DON & A'WERP.....	"YANGTSE"	On 10th January.
LIVERPOOL.....	"DIOMED"	On 22nd January.

TRANS-PACIFIC SERVICE.

FOR	STEAMERS	TO SAIL
VICTORIA, SEATTLE, TACOMA, and all PACIFIC COAST PORTS, via NAGASAKI, KOBE and YOKOHAMA.	"TYDEUS"	On 1st January.

S.S. "CALCHAS" left Victoria, B.C., on the 25th ult., for this via Japan ports.

For Freight, apply to

BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE,
AGENTS.

Hongkong, 8th December, 1903.

CHINA NAVIGATION CO., LIMITED.

FOR	STEAMERS	TO SAIL
MANILA.....	"SUNGKIANG"	9th December.
KOBE.....	"OHINGTU"	10th "
SHANGHAI.....	"KWANGSI"	10th "
MANILA.....	"CHINGTU"	30th "
PORT DARWIN, THURSDAY ISLAND, COOKTOWN, CAIRNS, TOWNS- VILLE, BRISBANE, SYDNEY and MELBOURNE	"CHINGTU"	30th "

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STEAMSHIP COMPANY, LIMITED.

Steamship.	Tons.	Captain.	For	Sailing Dates.
RUBI.....	2540	R. W. Almond	MANILA (DIRECT).....	SATURDAY, 12th Dec., at 10 A.M.
ZAFIRO.....	2540	R. Rodger	MANILA (DIRECT).....	SATURDAY, 19th Dec., at 10 A.M.
PERLA.....	1980	A. H. Nolley	—	—

For Freight or Passage, apply to

SHEWAN, TOMES & CO.,
GENERAL MANAGERS.

Hongkong, 5th December, 1903.

PORTLAND & ASIATIC STEAMSHIP CO.

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SEA OF JAPAN, MOJI, KOBE AND YOKOHAMA,
FOR

PORTLAND, OREGON,

OPERATING IN CONNECTION WITH

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Steamship	Tons	Captain	To Sail
"INDRASAMHA".....	5,197	W. E. Craven	Dec. 14, 1903.
"INDRAVELLI".....	4,990	R. F. Craven	Jan. 14, 1904.
"INDRAPURA".....	4,899	A. E. Hollingsworth	Feb. 15, "

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Unrivalled Speed. Fitted throughout with Electric Light. Doctor and Stewardess carried.

Steamship.	Captain.	Tons.	Sailing Date.
ROHILLA MARU.....	Ernest Bent	1,869	FRIDAY, 11th December, at 11 A.M.
ROSETTA MARU.....	H. S. Smith	3,876	THURSDAY, 12th December, at 11 A.M.

For Freight or Passage, apply at the Company's Office, 3, Queen's Building, Ice House
Street.

K. NAKASHIMA, Manager.

Hongkong, 7th December, 1903.

Shipping—Steamers.

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Hongkong, 8th July, 1903. [804e]

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DEPARTURES from Hongkong, on Week
Days, at 7.30 A.M.; on Excursion Sundays,
at 8.30 A.M.; from Macao, Week Days at about
2 P.M. and Sundays about 7.30 P.M.FARE:—(Week Days) 1st Class (including
cabin and servant), \$3; Return Ticket, \$5.
2nd Class, \$1; 3rd Class, 50 cents.
On Excursion Sundays, 1st, 2nd, 3rd Class
Single Ticket, \$2; Return Ticket, \$3. Return
Ticket including Tiffin and Dinner either on
Board or at Macao Hotel, \$5. On Sundays,
\$5 extra will be charged for each cabin with
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Hongkong, 4th December, 1903. [1394c]

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THE Steamship

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Captain W. Ellis, will be despatched for the
above Port, on WEDNESDAY, the 10th instant,
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the Electric Light.A Stewardess and a duly qualified Surgeon
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Hongkong, 5th December, 1903. [1462c]

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YORK VIA THE SUEZ CANAL.

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"LOONGSANG,"

Captain G. S. Weigall, will be despatched as
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for First Class Passengers, and is fitted through-
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Captain J. M. Haffner, will be despatched for
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Hongkong, 7th December, 1903. [1469c]

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Quail—Um-Chun.....dozen

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Snipe—Sa Chui.....each

Turkeys, Cock—Fo Kai Kung.....each

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TELEGRAMS.

(Reuters.)

The Congo Free State.

LONDON, 5th December.

The British Consul of Congo Free State has completed his tour on behalf of Great Britain. The tour should have lasted six months but has terminated at the expiration of two, as further evidence is unnecessary. The most horrible outrages are still perpetrated under the Rubber regime, also slavery in the most barbarous and revolting form. English observers stigmatise the administration as atrocious and declare that intervention is imperative.

LATER.

The Cotton Market.

The excitement on the New York Cotton Market has temporarily subsided.

The Far East.

There is a temporary lull in Far Eastern affairs and attention is concentrated on the assembling of the Japanese Diet yesterday. Hitherto proceedings have been purely formal. The ceremonial opening will take place on the 8th instant.

A BROKEN PROMISE.

At the Supreme Court this morning, before the Puisne Judge, His Honour A. C. Wise, the Chinese American Commercial Company v. Wai Chan and Company for \$876.47, principal and interest due on a promissory note, dated 27th August 1st. Mr. J. Hays, for Messrs. Johnson, Stokes and Master, appeared for the plaintiff company, while the defendant company was represented in Court. Mr. J. Lee, book-keeper, in the employ of the Chinese American Commercial Company, proved the debt, and showed that the principal amounted to \$876.47, and the interest to \$4.80. Judgment was given for plaintiff company with costs.

THE OPERATIONS IN NORTH CHINA, 1900.

It is notified in Army Orders, issued on 2nd ult., that the war services officers engaged in the operations in North China during 1900 will be recorded in the "Official Army List" as detailed below:—

- (a) "China, 1900," for all officers who served with the China Field Force or with the Legation and Tientsin garrisons from the outbreak of hostilities up to December 31, 1900, followed, when necessary, by a reference to any of the particular actions or engagements specified below:—
 - (1) "Defence of the Legations" for those who took part in the defence of the Peking Legations from June 10 to August 14, 1900.
 - (2) "Defence of Tientsin" for those who took part in the defence of the Foreign Concessions at Tientsin from June 16 to June 23, 1900.
 - (3) "Relief of Tientsin" for those who took part in the actions of June 23, July 9, and July 13, 1900, which culminated in the capture of Tientsin city on the last-named date, and thereby raised the siege of the Foreign Concessions.
 - (4) "Capture of the Taku Forts" for those who took part in the operations of June 17, 1900, on the Peiho river, which resulted in the capture of the Taku Forts.
 - (5) "Relief of Peking" for those who took part in the various operations on shore between June 10 and August 14, 1900; both dates inclusive, either under Admiral Sir E. H. Seymour, G.C.B., or under Maj.-General Sir Alfred Gaselee, G.C.I.E., K.C.B., having for their objective the relief of the Peking Legations.
 - (6) "Action of Peit-sang" for those who took part in the action at that place on August 5, 1900.
 - (7) "Action at Yang-tsun" for those who took part in the action at that place on August 6, 1900.

FRENCH INDO-CHINA.

In 1900, on the initiative of M. Hardouin, French Consul at Canton, a dispensary was opened in the native city under the direction of Dr. Mas, who came from Indo-China for the purpose. Encouraged by the success of this venture, it was sought to extend the movement to that of a hospital. After negotiations the Viceroy granted a lease for ninety-nine years of a piece of ground, 6,500 square metres, of a value of \$40,000, at a nominal rent, which the *Pollitque Coloniale* somewhat ungraciously points out has now "become national property." (It is a pity that a good movement should be spoiled by the insistence of a view that might be turned to political account.) Local Chinese subscribed \$25,000, and \$10,000 was also obtained among Chinese in the Straits and Bangkok, whilst M. Doumer, then Governor-General of Indo-China, voted \$40,000 for the objects of the hospital. Another liberal contributor was M. Robert Lebaudy, who donated 25,000 fr. A sum of about \$8,000 a year at least is indispensable, and Dr. Mas is now appealing to the Paris-Mutuel for charity to grant its assistance.

The trade of Indo-China with Hongkong for 1903 amounted to 127,183,000 fr., and was second only to that with France, which amounted to 147,345,000 fr. The exports, indeed, were double what they were to France. Rice forms the chief article, and amounted to 409,443 tons, against 381,382 tons in 1902. This was practically the half of Hongkong's total rice import of 819,919 tons. Hongkong was likewise a very good customer for salt fish, Tongking tea, Annamite brown sugar, silk, Hongay coal, and medicines amongst other articles.

CHINA TRADERS' INSURANCE CO., LTD.

ANNUAL MEETING.

The thirty-seventh ordinary meeting of shareholders in the China Traders' Insurance Company, Limited, was held at the head office, Queen's Buildings, on Monday, 10th day, when the following were present: Messrs. Goetz (chairman) H. Schubart, E. J. Armstrong, C. M. Chelau (directors), J. Whittall (secretary), Sir Paul Chater, C.M.G., G. T. Veitch, J. W. Ross-Taylor, P. K. Leigh, H. C. Wilcox, T. H. Reid, F. D. Goddard, W. J. Saunders, H. W. Slade, G. de Champeaux and W. E. Schindler.

The notice convening the meeting having been read.

The Chairman said:—Gentlemen, the report and statement of accounts have been in your hands for some time and with your approval we will follow usual custom and take them as read. As compared with the previous year, the premium income shows an increase of some \$61,000, whilst the loss settlements, although still heavy, show a decrease of \$17,000. You will notice, however, that we have had this year to meet a material loss in exchange. This is due to our endeavour, in view of the instability of exchange and the impossibility of forecasting its movements, to as far as possible keep our funds equally divided between gold and silver, and this deficit is largely the difference between the cost of considerable conversions into gold made during the year, and the rate at which the sterling exchange is taken in our books. The maintenance of this latter rate at 2½ has been amply justified in the recent sharp rise experienced. On the whole, the outcome of the year's operations may, I think, be considered fairly satisfactory, but your directors feel that the point has not yet been reached when they can with safety, or any certainty of its continuance, recommend the declaration of an increased dividend to shareholders. Our first consideration must be to place our liquid reserves on a basis which will preclude the possibility through the coming of a bad year, and bad years are bound to come, of our having to again entrench on our reserve fund. The wisdom of this policy of restraint and patience will, I am sure, appeal to all who have the best interests of the company at heart. After providing for a general dividend of 10 per cent. and a contributory dividend of 15 per cent. on bonus-bearing contributions, we propose to carry the remaining available balance to underwriting suspense account to meet all further claims on account of the past and previous years, and thus close the account. One new item appearing under the heading of London investments may be specially referred to. The lease of the offices occupied by the company in London being close on expiry and not open for renewal, the necessity of securing other suitable accommodation has had to be considered, and I am glad to be able to inform you that we have secured the leasehold—with 34 years to run—of a most suitable building in an equally good, if not better, position on Cornhill. The cost of the purchase of this leasehold was £25,000, but whilst the building acquired affords far superior accommodation for our growing needs in London, it is hoped that, after payment of ground rent and taxes &c., and making full allowance for sinking fund and interest on the outlay, the sub-rentals to be obtained from the portion of the building not required for our own uses, will reduce the net annual cost to very little more than the rental we have for some time been paying. Your directors feel that we are greatly indebted to the exertions and fore-thought of the London committee and the London manager in bringing so important a matter to so successful an issue. The item under notice is the first instalment only of the purchase money; the balance will appear in the current year's accounts. The properties under mortgage to the company have, as usual, been reported on by Messrs. Palmer & Turner, and their valuations show ample margins. There remains one subject for me to refer to, and that is the deeply regretted and enforced retirement of our late esteemed secretary, Mr. W. H. Ray, the circumstances of which, I think, well known to all of you. Mr. Ray had been in charge of the company's affairs since 1879—a period of 33 years. In 1875, when the company was practically reconstituted, Mr. Ray was appointed its first secretary, and that position he held during the succeeding 28 years until recently forced to relinquish office through a complete and deplorable breakdown in health. But, gentlemen, in the sound and satisfactory position our company stands to-day, Mr. Ray has left a fitting memorial to the best years of a strenuous life spent wholly and devotedly in its service, and although, unhappily, we cannot restore his shattered health, you will, I am sure, cordially support your directors in their desire to, in some measure, recognise his long and faithful services, by ensuring to him a freedom from anxiety in the years of retirement that may be left to him. I shall be glad to answer any questions you may desire to ask before I formally move the adoption of the report and balance sheet.

There being no questions, the Chairman proposed that the report and balance sheet be adopted and passed.

Sir Paul Chater said:—Mr. Chairman, I think the statement to which we have just listened is one of more than ordinary interest. It is satisfactory to learn that the directors have resolved to persevere in the sound policy of building up the financial position of the company, rather than increasing the dividend. It is also, in my opinion, much wiser to carry forward the balance in a liquid form, than to make a too hasty addition to the reserve fund, which might hereafter have to be withdrawn. I observe that the leasehold of a building in Cornhill has been acquired for the accommodation of the London office, but I am glad to have the assurance of the chairman that this move will prove a sound investment, and not entail much increase in rental. I am sure the shareholders all join in the regret

expressed by the chairman at the unfortunate retirement of our late secretary, Mr. Ray, who for so many years served this Company so well and faithfully, first as assistant and then as secretary. The retiring allowance granted him by the Board is, I think, under the circumstances, one that will be heartily endorsed by the shareholders. In his successor, Mr. Whittall, we have, I am certain, a man in whom we can repose entire confidence, both as to his ability and trust. With these remarks I have much pleasure in seconding the resolution that the report and accounts be adopted. (Applause.)

The motion was put and carried unanimously. Mr. J. W. Ross-Taylor said:—Mr. Chairman and gentlemen, I am sorry to find myself in opposition to the directors, and my regret is all the deeper that it is a difference of opinion arising as to the retiring allowance to our late secretary, Mr. W. H. Ray, with whom I know we all most deeply sympathise on the sad breakdown of his health. Seven years ago, in 1896, we got a \$5 dividend and the reserve fund was raised to a million dollars. Next year, unfortunately, through no fault of anybody, the profit fell below zero, and the amount was taken from the reserve fund. Ever since, while some of our competitors, through good management, have been forging ahead, we have continued to receive \$6,000 a year, or equal to \$4 per share. It has been my lot on several occasions to vote for more generous treatment by directors of the staff, and no one can appreciate more than I do the impulse which dictates this generosity; but I think in this case, really, their generosity goes a little further than the position of the company warrants. It is no fault of anybody, no doubt; but the company has been marking time more or less during the past seven years, and I do not think it can be maintained that we are in a position to give over to per cent. per annum of the dividend credited to shareholders to one of the retiring officers. It is quite possible that in future some other officers will retire and we may have to pay them money. Though it goes greatly against the grain for one to criticise an action dictated by generosity, whose only fault is that it goes too far, I feel compelled as a matter of principle, and as a not inconsiderable shareholder, to move that Mr. Ray get a retiring allowance of £500 per annum for three years from the date of his leaving the Colony, and afterwards £300 per annum. I have asked no one to second this resolution.

The proposition not being seconded, the original motion was put to the meeting and carried *unanimously*.

DIRECTORS.

On the proposition of Mr. F. D. Goddard, seconded by Mr. R. K. Leigh, the appointment of Mr. C. Michelau to the Board of Directors, *vice* A. Haupt retired, was confirmed, and on the proposition of Mr. Ross-Taylor, seconded by Mr. Slade, Messrs. E. Goetz and C. Michelau were unanimously re-elected to the Board.

AUDITORS.

On the proposition of Mr. Veitch, seconded by Mr. H. C. Wilcox, Messrs. T. Arnold and H. U. Jeffries were re-elected auditors.

The Chairman:—That is all the business, gentlemen. Dividend warrants will be ready to-morrow.

LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.

The following are the answers given to the questions asked by the Hon. Sir Paul Chater, on behalf of the Hon. H. E. Pollock, K.C., at the meeting of the Legislative Council yesterday afternoon:—

TAIPIINGSHAN RECLAMATION.

1. What was the total amount which was paid to owners for the resumption of insanitary properties in Taipingshan?

What was the total cost of laying out such named land, including roads, drains, retaining walls, etc.?

What is the total amount which has been received by the Government in premia from the sale of such portions of such resumed land as have been sold by the Government, and what is the total annual Crown Rent which is received by the Government in respect of such portions?

What proportion do such portions as aforesaid bear to the part of such resumption which it is proposed to reserve as a Public Park for Chinese?

What is the area of that part of such resumption which it is proposed to reserve as a Public Park for Chinese?

When does the Government propose to give the members of the Legislative Council an opportunity for discussing the question of the desirability of reserving such part of such resumption as a Public Park for Chinese? What stage has this matter of a Public Park for Chinese now reached?

The Acting Colonial Secretary replied:—\$818,098.32, \$107,874.58. The premia amount to \$171,393.50; the Crown rents to \$772 per annum. The area sold amounts to 49,711 square feet or 1.14 acres; the areas of building land absorbed by the park which is a Public Park and not a Park for Chinese only amount to 46,500 square feet or 1.07 acres. On the 17th of September the Governor's despatch and the Secretary of State's reply on the subject of laying out a Public Garden in Taipingshan were laid on the table, together with the Estimates for 1904, at page 25 of which a sum of \$7,000 was set down for levelling and laying out Taipingshan Garden. I have again to point out that the Park or Garden is Public and not set aside exclusively for any section of the community.

PRAYA RECLAMATION.

2. On what date was the contract let for the foundations and reclamation for Section No. 6 of the Praya Reclamation (from Pottinger Street to Wing Wo Street), and what was the date fixed for the completion of the work? What is the name of the contractor?

When was the above contract work actually completed, and how many days was it after the contract time for completion? Was the penalty

for overtime stipulated in the contract enforced? If not, why not?

On what date was the contract let for the sea wall and roadways on the above section and what date was fixed for the completion of the work?

What is the name of the contractor? When will the work on (a) the sea wall, and (b) the roadways, be actually completed?

Is the penalty for overtime in the contract being enforced or will it be enforced? If not, why not?

The Director of Public Works replied:—Question 2, paragraph 1. The 1st of May, 1899. Date for completion 15th of November, 1903. Name of Contractor, Tsang Keng.

3. The whole of the work was included under the contract referred to in first paragraph of reply.

4. Tsang Keng, as already stated.

5. (a) Work was completed in December 1902. (b) It is not possible to say definitely, but there is no reason why it should not be completed by the end of this year.

6. The question of penalty to be enforced will be considered on completion of the work. The contractor has been repeatedly warned that the penalty will be enforced.

DAMAGE AT THE PROTESTANT CEMETERY.

3. Is it not the fact that a wall in the Protestant Cemetery, on the side nearest to the Roman Catholic Cemetery, has recently partially collapsed covering some of the tombs in the Protestant Cemetery with debris and damaging some of the tombstones?

What steps will be taken and when to remove such debris and to repair such damage and to ensure that no further portions of the said wall and no earth shall in future fall down or be washed down by rain upon the tombs in the Protestant Cemetery?

What is the name of the contractor who is responsible for the wall in question?

The Director of Public Works replied:—Question 3, paragraph 1. Yes. The accident arose from the heavy rains in the early part of September.

2. The wall will be reconstructed of greater strength. Work is in progress.

3. The wall which fell was constructed by Yau Kung Cheung, contractor. It was completed in September 1903, and was therefore out of the contractor's hands prior to the date of its fall.

THE WATER SUPPLY.

4. Is it not the fact that certain houses in Conduit Road have been served with an intermittent supply of water only during some days in the past summer?

If yes, to what cause is such deficiency of water due?

Are there any defects in the mains leading up to Conduit Road or is the pumping-power insufficient to raise the water up to that level? Is a Water Rate being collected from the houses in Conduit Road?

The Director of Public Works replied:—Question 4, paragraph 1. Yes.

2. It has been due in some measure to repeated bursts in the mains, the margin in power of the pumping plant being inadequate to make up for the loss of water occasioned by such bursts. Additional pumping plant has recently been provided which has enabled constant supply to be maintained.

3. No defects other than those indicated above, which are liable to occur in any main. Yes, a water rate is collected.

UNIFORMS OF SANITARY INSPECTORS.

5. Is it the fact that the Government is contemplating the alteration of the uniform which is worn by the Senior Sanitary Inspectors? If so, will not such contemplated alteration make the uniform of the Senior Sanitary Inspectors resemble that of the District Inspectors? What is the reason for the contemplated change?

The Acting Colonial Secretary replied:—The uniform of the Sanitary Staff for which there existed no authorised pattern has been revised, and a pattern sanctioned. The uniform for the different grades of inspectors is alike. The object has been to make the uniform as simple as possible.

OPIMUM TRADE.

A letter signed by the Archbishop of Dublin, several Bishops and other prominent public men has been addressed to the *L. & C. Express* on the subject of the Opium Trade. It states:—"In view of the next General Election we unite in a respectful appeal for your aid in bringing before the public of this country facts which show the grave evils of the opium traffic. The help of the British Press at this time might result in a general determination that a trade so unjust and dishonourable should no longer be carried on in the name of our country. Such action on our part would, we may hope, do much towards bringing about happier relations between this country and the Government and people of China."

COMMERCIAL.

TO-DAY'S INTELLIGENCE.

SHANGHAI.

Advices received from Shanghai under date the 5th inst. report business done in the Northern port on the 4th inst. as follows:—S. C. Farnham, Boyd & Co. shares at Tls. 127.50 for December, and 127.50 and 128 for March; Maitschappij, &c. in Langkat shares at Tls. 312.50 cash, 315 and 312.50 for December, and 327.50 and 328 for March; Indo-China shares at Tls. 56 for December, and 54 for March; Shanghai and Hongkong Wharf shares at Tls. 207.50 for January; Shanghai Sumatra Tobacco shares at Tls. 53 cash; and Shanghai Land Investment shares at Tls. 104 cash.

SINGAPORE MONEY MARKET.

Money has been very tight in Singapore for some time now, and appears to be held more in private enterprises, with the result that dealings in shares are practically nil, and the exploitation of new ventures, or the resuscitation

of old ones, is rendered impracticable for want of floating capital. Mortgages at 6, 7, 8 & 9% on the other hand can more easily be put through. There are still many enterprises in Singapore which if entered upon give a handsome return, if run with energy and skill, among which is another first-class hotel, and that without incurring the present ones to a great extent.—"Finance" in *S. F. Press*.

GERMAN BANK LOANS.

According to information from a trustworthy quarter in Berlin all the German banks are calling in, at the end of the current year, the loans which they have made from time to time on account of German enterprises in China. During the last seven years no fewer than nine banks have embarked upon this class of business, in many cases creating special agencies for the purpose; but it has come to be recognised, it is understood, that the business is far from profitable, and involves increasing risk with every year.

TO-DAY'S EXCHANGE.

ON LONDON, Telegraphic Transfer, 1/8 11/16
Bank Bills, on demand, 1/8 11/16
Credits, 4 months' sight, 1/8 11/16
D'cents 4 months' sight, 1/8 11/16
ON BERLIN, (demand) M. 1/7 1/2
ON PARIS, Bank Bills, on demand, 1/7 1/2
Credits, 4 months' sight, 1/7 1/2
ON NEW YORK, Bank Bills, on demand, 1/7 1/2
Credits, 30 days' sight, 1/7 1/2
ON BOMBAY, Telegraphic Transfer, 1/8 11/16
ON SHANGHAI, Telegraphic Transfer, 1/8 11/16
Private to days' sight, 1/8 11/16
ON YOKOHAMA, T.T., 1/8 11/16
Sovereigns, Bank's Buying Rate, 1/8 11/16
Gold Leaf 100 touch, per tael, 60.00
Bar Silver, 1/8 11/16

OPIMUM QUOTATIONS.

To-day's quotations are as follows:—

MALWA NEW, 940/970
LAST YEAR, 1,000/1,050
OLDEST, 1,050/1,100
PATNA NEW, 1,175
BENARES NEW, 1,175
PERSIAN (PAPER), 800/850

TO-DAY'S ADVERTISEMENTS.

PUBLIC AUCTION.

THE Undersigned have received instructions from the REGISTRAR SUPREME COURT, to sell by Public Auction, TO-MORROW, (Wednesday), the 9th December, 1903, at Noon, Nos. 27, 29 and 31, DES VIEUX ROAD CENTRAL, THE GOODS AND CHATELAIN OR

C. E. LE MUNYON, Comprising:—PHOTOGRAPHIC CAMERAS and KODAKS, AMERICAN COMBINATION SAFES, GLASS SHOW CASES, COUNTERS, PICTURES, &c., &c., &c.

TERMS:—As usual. HUGHES & HOUGH, Government Auctioneers, Hongkong, 8th December, 1903. [14738]

DOUGLAS STEAMSHIP COMPANY, LIMITED.

FOR SWATOW. THE Company's Steamship

"HAILONG," Captain Evans, will be despatched for the above Port, TO-MORROW, the 9th instant, at Noon.

For Freight or Passage, apply to DOUGLAS, LAURA & Co., General Managers, Hongkong, 8th December, 1903. [14728]

FOR CHEMULPO, DALNY AND PORT ARTHUR. (Calling at SHANGHAI).

THE Steamship "PRONTO," Captain Grandt, will be despatched for the above Ports, on FRIDAY, the 11th instant, at 5 P.M.

For Freight or Passage, apply to HAMBURG-AMERICA LINE, Hongkong Office, Hongkong, 8th December, 1903. [14729]

FOR YOKOHAMA AND KOBE. THE H.A.L. Steamship

"AMBRIA," Captain Duckstein, will be despatched for the above Ports, on MONDAY, the 14th instant, at Noon.

For Freight, apply to HAMBURG-AMERICA LINE, Hongkong Office, Hongkong, 8th December, 1903. [14729]

COMPAGNIE DES MESSAGERIES MARITIMES. PAQUEBOTS-POSTE FRANCAIS.

FOR SHANGHAI, KOBE AND YOKOHAMA. THE Company's Steamship

"ANNAM," Captain Girard, will be despatched for the above Ports on or about MONDAY, the 14th instant.

For Freight or Passage, apply to G. DE CHAMPEAUX, Agent, Hongkong, 8th December, 1903. [14730]

EYE-SIGHT

MR. N. LAZARUS

May be personally consulted for SPECTACLES

No charge for testing the eyes. Glasses and frames of all kinds and qualities. Prices from \$2 upwards.

16, QUEEN'S ROAD, CENTRAL. Hongkong, 6th November, 1903. [64]

To-day's Advertisements.

CHATRE'S NEW INDIAN CIRCUS.

Patronised by H. M. the Empress Dowager and other Royalty of China.

By special arrangements, owing to the great number of people being disappointed on Saturday, the Proprietor has decided to give performance

TO-NIGHT (TUESDAY).

INTRODUCING ALL SPECIAL FEATURES. EVERYTHING NEW AND INTERESTING.

POSITIVELY LAST NIGHT.

Hongkong, 8th December, 1903. [14166]

FOR SALE.

ONE SIMPLE PIANO PLAYER, by KOHLER and CAMPBELL, and 12 Music Sheets. Just received from the Makers. At Manufacturers' Price, very cheap. For Particulars, apply to "C.E."

C/o Hongkong Telegraph, Hongkong, 8th December, 1903. [14746]

THE DAIRY FARM COMPANY, LIMITED.

S. A. SETH, Secretary, JAMES WALKER, Manager. Town Office and Depot: Wyndham Street. Kowloon Branch: 57, Elgin Road.

FARMS AT POKFLOOL.

RESIDENTS are invited to test the quality of our Fresh Milk and other Dairy Produce. Hongkong, 8th December, 1903. [14656]

THE PORTLAND AND ASIATIC STEAMSHIP COMPANY.

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES. S.S. "INDRASAMHA," FROM PORTLAND (OR), YOKOHAMA, KOBE AND MOJI.

THE above steamer having arrived, Consignees of Cargo are hereby requested to send in their Bills of Lading for Countersignature and to take immediate delivery of their goods from alongside.

Cargo impeding the discharge of the vessel will be landed and stored at Consignees' risk and expense. No Fire Insurance will be effected by us in any case whatever.

ALLAN CAMERON, General Agent, Hongkong, 8th December, 1903. [14666]

Intimations.

THE POPULAR SCOTCH "BLACK & WHITE"

JAMES BUCHANAN & CO. SCOTCH WHISKY DISTILLERS. By Appointment to

H.M. THE KING and H.R.H. THE PRINCE OF WALES

Supplied at all the LEADING CLUBS and HOTELS, and to be obtained from LANE, CRAWFORD & CO., Queen's Road Central. [6426]

THE RUSSIAN CENSOR.

However much an Englishman resident in Russia may be enamoured of that fascinating country, it is not likely that he will wish to cut himself off from Western civilisation, and if he is located in a good-sized town he will soon begin to look around to see what facilities he has for obtaining foreign newspapers. Some he may find in a cafe, others in an hotel, but if he wants them for his private reading he may not improbably discover a kiosk, where French, German, and even English papers are on sale. A little experience, however, will teach him that he cannot rely upon this source, for the supply will be irregular, and, worse still, the papers will have passed through the hands of that justly dreaded individual, the Russian censor. Morning after morning, the unhappy foreigner may find that as many as six columns have been snipped away by the scissors of that implacable official, and often this will be the foreign news, in which he is, naturally, most interested. And especially will the censor be careful in obliterating telegrams and articles relating to the internal affairs of Russia, unless by any chance there is a statement to the effect that nothing could be happier or better governed than the land of the Tsar, and that all reports to the contrary are inventions of the Evil One.

As the news about Russia in the journals of other countries is often inconsiderable in quantity, the censor will not always use his scissors, but will content himself with blotting out the offending passages with printer's ink, and as sand is used to dry this, a reader can generally guess to what extent the censor has been at work by the amount of sand that comes tumbling out from between the leaves as soon as he opens the paper. And unluckily there is no way of removing the obnoxious patch of black, which may sometimes cover as much as a column and a half. None the less, the ingenious Slav has succeeded in outwitting even the censor, and it is not an uncommon thing in Petersburg society to be shown an album filled with "pars" that have been erased. The method of obtaining them is as follows: The Russian who buys the paper at home writes to a friend in London under cover—"Passage erased in column 2 page 7 of such and such a paper for such and such a date. Please send." The friend accordingly buys the paper, cut out the page indicated, and posts it under cover to St. Petersburg, where the "par" at once becomes immortal, and obtains ten times as many readers as it would have had if it had been left untouched by the censor's ink.

Many of the things are blotted out for ridiculous reasons. Thus, for instance, some time ago, some of the English residents in Riga, had their curiosity excited, by observing that week after week an advertisement was obliterated in the same place in a certain London newspaper. One of them at last wrote for the slip, when it turned out that it was an advertisement of some one's pills, made up of a picture of the Tsar and a statement underneath to the effect that he took good care never to be without them. It was this that the censor blotted out each day with such zeal. Sometimes, too, that official simply obliterates a thing to show that he is awake and on the watch. A well-known French writer having published an article on Russia in a well-known French review went, about the date of issue, to call on certain high functionaries at Petersburg, who overwhelmed him with congratulations for his temperate criticism. What then was his astonishment at discovering that every copy of the review that was supplied to the public in the ordinary way was minus his article, which had been clean excised. The censor, when asked to explain, said that the article contained nothing objectionable, but that he could not pass it all, and so he thought it best to cut out the whole of it.

Foreign books are also subjected to another censor, and as the various censors do not work together it may happen that what is forbidden in the original is allowed in a translation. Thus, for instance, Zola's famous novel "Nana" was prohibited by the official whose business it was to look after books that were being imported into Russia, whereas another censor allowed it to appear in a translation in a newspaper, under the form of a feuilleton. As for the books in the circulating libraries, they are mutilated beyond description if they are books on Russia by foreign writers. Half-pages have vanished; several consecutive pages are not there. The indignant reader, with his Western notions, feels inclined at first to "race off" to the librarian and denounce his Russian readers as barbarians, who revel in destruction; but that mild-eyed, melancholy personage knows the true cause well enough, and is too discreet to utter the least complaint.

The troops on and beyond the Sikkim border will need to be well equipped with warm clothing, for the cold in these latitudes is terribly severe. Already at Khamba Jong some 2° of frost have been registered, and the winter has only just begun. In the expedition of 1888 the Field Force found snow lying deep on the slopes leading to Lintu in the month of March, and the small garrison of Gnatong had afterwards very trying experiences in the dreary winter season. The tableland of Tibet is covered with snow for several months, and life under canvas is almost impossible during that period. The greatest precautions will have to be taken when the British Commissioner, and his escort move forward, otherwise the mortality from pneumonia among the native soldiers will surpass our worst experiences in Afghanistan and on the North-West Frontier. The spring is the proper time for operations in the Eastern Himalayas and nothing but some extreme urgency in the position in Tibet can justify the risks that must attend an advance at this season, says the Pioneer.

Consignees.

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

THE P. & O. S. N. Co's Steamship

"SIMLA,"
FROM BOMBAY, COLOMBO AND STRAITS.

Consignees of Cargo by the above-named vessel are hereby informed that their Goods are being landed and placed at their risk in the Hongkong and Kowloon Wharf and Godown Company's Godowns at Kowloon, where each consignment will be sorted out mark by mark, and delivery can be obtained as soon as the Goods are landed.

This vessel brings on Cargo:—
From London, &c., ex S.S. *Victoria*.
From Calcutta, ex S.S. *Sardinia*.
From Persian Gulf, &c., ex B. I. S. N. and From Persian Gulf, &c., ex B. I. S. N. Co's Steamers.

Optional Goods will be landed here unless instructions are given to the contrary before 1 P.M., TO-DAY.
Goods not cleared by the 15th instant, at 4 P.M., will be subject to rent.

No Fire Insurance will be effected by me in any case whatever.

Damaged Packages must be left in the Godowns for examination by the Consignees and the Company's representative at an appointed hour.

All Claims must be presented within ten days of the steamer's arrival here after which they cannot be recognised.

No Claims will be admitted after the Goods have left the Godowns.

E. A. HEWETT,

Superintendent.

Hongkong, 7th December, 1903. [4]

"BEN" LINE OF STEAMERS.

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

S.S. "BENLOMOND,"
FROM ANTWERP, LONDON AND STRAITS.

CONSIGNEES of Cargo are hereby informed that all Goods are being landed at their risk into the Hongkong and Kowloon Wharf and Godown Company's Godowns, whence and/or from the wharves delivery may be obtained.

No Claims will be admitted after the Goods have left the Godowns, and all Goods undelivered after the 15th instant will be subject to rent.

All Claims against the Steamer must be presented to the Undersigned on or before the 20th instant, or they will not be recognised.

All broken, chafed, and damaged Goods are to be left in the Godowns, where they will be examined on the 15th instant, at 11 A.M.

No Fire Insurance has been effected.

Bills of Lading will be countersigned by GIBB, LIVINGSTON & Co., Agents.

Hongkong, 7th December, 1903. [1467c]

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

"GLEN" LINE OF STEAMERS.

FROM ANTWERP, LONDON AND STRAITS.

THE Steamship

"GLENGARRY,"

having arrived from the above Ports, Consignees of Cargo by her are hereby informed that their Goods are being landed at their risk into the Godowns of the Hongkong and Kowloon Wharf and Godown Co., Limited, at Kowloon, where each consignment will be sorted out mark by mark, and delivery can be obtained as soon as the Goods are landed.

Goods not cleared by the 14th instant will be subject to rent.

No Fire Insurance will be effected.

All damaged packages must be left in the Godowns, and a certificate of the damage obtained from the Godown Company within ten days after the steamer's arrival, after which no claims will be recognised.

McGREGOR BROS. & CO.,

Hongkong, 7th December, 1903. [1470c]

S.S. "SALAZIE,"

COMPAGNIE DES MESSAGERIES MARITIMES.

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

CONSIGNEES of Cargo from London ex s.s. *Douro*, in connection with above Steamer, are hereby informed that their Goods, with the exception of Opium, Treasure and Valuables are being landed and stored at their risks into the Godowns of the Hongkong and Kowloon Wharf and Godown Co., Limited, at Kowloon, whence delivery may be obtained immediately after landing.

Optional Cargo will be forwarded on unless intimation is received from the Consignees before 10 A.M., TO-DAY, the 2nd instant, requesting it to be landed here.

Bills of Lading will be countersigned by the Undersigned. Goods remaining undelivered after WEDNESDAY, the 9th instant, at Noon, will be subject to rent and landing charges.

All claims must be sent in to me on or before the 9th instant, or they will not be recognised.

All damaged packages will be examined on WEDNESDAY, the 9th instant, at 3 P.M.

No Fire Insurance has been effected.

G. DE CHAMPEAUX,

Agent.

Hongkong, 2nd December, 1903. [1004c]

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

FROM MIDDLESBOROUGH, LONDON AND STRAITS.

THE Steamship

"DENBIGHSHIRE,"

Captain W. A. Evans, having arrived from the above ports, Consignees of Cargo are hereby informed that their Goods are being landed at their risk into the Godowns of the Hongkong and Kowloon Wharf and Godown Company, Limited, at Kowloon, and stored at Consignees' risk and expense.

No Claims will be admitted after the Goods have left the Godowns, and all Goods remaining undelivered after the 9th instant will be subject to rent.

All broken, chafed and damaged Goods are to be left in the Godowns, where they will be examined on the 9th instant, at 2.30 P.M.

No Fire Insurance has been effected.

Bills of Lading will be countersigned by SHEWAN, TOMES & Co., Agents.

Hongkong, 3rd December, 1903. [1453c]

Intimations.

THE WORD OF HONOUR.

The men who do as they say; the things that prove to be what they were said to be, how cheering it is to come upon them. We all hate to be deceived; especially when the deception is intentional. But all men are not liars, even if David did say so in his haste. If they were society would be impossible. Everybody knows that business is based on credit, on faith. Millions are bought and sold daily on nothing more solid than the pledged promises of men, not written, merely verbal. The Stock Exchanges are often called nests of gamblers, yet nowhere is a promise held in greater honour. Therefore when we say that the tried and effective remedy called

WATSON'S PREPARATION

never deceives any who resort to it in hope of benefit and cure, we may expect to be believed. For this assurance is given on what it has done in the past in countless cases, on its record. It is only recommended to accomplish what it was made to accomplish. Its action in Chlorosis, Anemia, Scrofula, General Debility, Throat and Lung Troubles, Blood Impurities, etc. is convincing. It is palatable as honey and contains the nutritive and curative properties of Pure Cod Liver Oil, extracted by us from fresh cod livers, combined with the Compound Syrup of Hypophosphites and the Extracts of Malt and Wild Cherry. Dr. Austin D. Irvine, of Canada, says: "I have used it in cases where cod liver oil was indicated but could not be taken by the patient, and the results following were very gratifying." It is effective from the first dose and agrees with the most sensitive and nervous stomachs. One bottle proves its intrinsic value. It cannot deceive or disappoint you, and comes to the rescue of those who have received no benefit from any other treatment. It stands for the medical triumphs of the age. "Watch carefully against imitations." Sold by chemists here and everywhere and A. S. Watson & Co., Limited.

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For full Particulars, &c., &c., Apply to W. STUART HARRISON, A.M. INST. C.E., Manager

Hongkong, 2nd April, 1903. [30]

NOTICE.

THE Public are hereby informed that no change has been made in the Rates of Subscription to the *Hongkong Telegraph* and they are warned against paying more than TWO CENTS (10 cts.) per Single Copy.

THE MANAGER,
Hongkong Telegraph Co., Ltd.
Hongkong, 30th September, 1903.

Intimation.

THE HONGKONG TELEGRAPH.

1, ICE HOUSE ROAD,
HONGKONG.CABLE ADDRESS.—*Telegraph*, Hongkong.

THE leading English Newspaper in China Also widely circulated in Japan, Ceylon, China, Ceylon, India and the Far East generally.

A daily newspaper with weekly edition published for despatch by the homeward mail. The daily is recommended as more generally suitable, except for subscribers in Europe or America.

A special feature is made of full and accurate reports of local occurrences, and of matters of general interest.

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Special attention given to effectively displaying advertisements.

The type used as a standard for setting advertisements is similar to this, unless we are instructed to display the advertisement, when any effective style of type will be adopted. This standard runs exactly eight lines to the inch, and about eight words to the line.

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Special Rates for standing advertisements can be ascertained from the Manager.

Advertisements for the Daily should reach the *Hongkong Telegraph* Office not later than noon of the day they are intended to appear.

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PROJECTED SAILINGS FROM HONGKONG.—SUBJECT TO ALTERATION.

STEAMERS.	DESTINATIONS.	SAILING DATES.
KAWACHI MARU.....	MARSEILLES, LONDON & ANTWERP, VIA SINGAPORE, PENANG, COLOMBO and PORT SAID.....	SATURDAY, 12th Dec., at Daylight.
TOKA MARU.....	VICTORIA, B.C., and SEATTLE, U.S.A., VIA SHANGHAI, MOJI, KOBE and YOKOHAMA.....	TUESDAY, 15th Dec., at 4 P.M.
HAKATA MARU.....	KOBE and YOKOHAMA.....	FRIDAY, 18th Dec., at Daylight.
KAGOSHIMA MARU.....	MOJI, KOBE and YOKOHAMA.....	FRIDAY, 18th Dec., at Noon.
BINGO MARU.....	MARSEILLES, LONDON & ANTWERP, VIA SINGAPORE, PENANG, COLOMBO and PORT SAID.....	SATURDAY, 26th Dec., at Daylight.
HIROSHIMA MARU.....	BOMBAY, VIA SINGAPORE AND COLOMBO.....	TUESDAY, 29th Dec., at Noon.
KAGA MARU.....	VICTORIA, B.C., and SEATTLE, U.S.A., VIA SHANGHAI, MOJI, KOBE and YOKOHAMA.....	TUESDAY, 29th Dec., at 4 P.M.

* Through Passenger Tickets issued for the Principal Cities in the United States, Canada and Europe, in connection with the GREAT NORTHERN RAILWAY and Atlantic Steamers. Round-the-World Tickets also issued. Between Moji and Kobe, 1st and 2nd Class Through Passengers have the Option of Travelling by the Sanyo Railway.

For further Information as to Freight, Passage, Sailings, &c., apply at the Company's Local Branch Office in Prince's Building, 1st Floor, Chater Road.

A. S. MIHARA,

Manager.

Hongkong, 4th December, 1903. [5]



THE PENINSULAR AND ORIENTAL STEAM NAVIGATION COMPANY.

STEAM FOR STRAITS, CEYLON, AUSTRALIA, INDIA, ADEEN, EGYPT, MEDITERRANEAN PORTS, PLYMOUTH AND LONDON.

(Through Bills of Lading issued for HATTA, PERSIAN GULF, CONTINENTAL, AMERICAN and SOUTH AFRICAN PORTS.)

THE Steamship

"BALLAARAT"

Captain C. R. Longden, carrying His Majesty's Mail, will be despatched from this for BOMBAY, on SATURDAY, the 19th instant, at Noon, taking Passengers and Cargo for the above Ports.

Silk and Valuables, all Cargo for France and Tea for London (under arrangement) will be transhipped at Colombo into a steamer proceeding direct to Marseilles and London, other Cargo for London, &c., will be conveyed via Bombay.

Parcels will be received at this Office until 5 P.M. the day before sailing. The Contents and Value of all Packages are required.

Shippers are particularly requested to note the terms and conditions of the Company's Bills of Lading.

For further Particulars, apply to E. A. HEWETT, Superintendent.

Hongkong, 7th December, 1903. [14]

NORTHERN PACIFIC STEAMSHIP COMPANY.

BOSTON STEAMSHIP COMPANY. BOSTON TOW-BOAT COMPANY.

PROPOSED SAILINGS FROM HONGKONG, VIA SHANGHAI, INLAND SEA OF JAPAN, KOBE AND YOKOHAMA, FOR VICTORIA, B.C., AND TACOMA, IN CONNECTION WITH NORTHERN PACIFIC RAILWAY COMPANY.

Steamers. Tons. Captains. 1903-04.

Tramont.....9,666 F. W. Garlick. Dec. 19

Lyrat.....4,417 G. V. Williams. Jan. 21

Olympia.....2,837 A. Dixon. Feb. 12

Shawmut.....9,666 W. M. Smith. Feb. 20

Victoria.....3,502 J. Truebridge. Dec. 30

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Hongkong, 7th December, 1903. [187d]

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Hot and Cold Water throughout.

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MANAGER.

Hongkong, 7th December, 1903. [1119d]

COMPAGNIE DES MESSAGERIES MARITIMES.

PAQUEBOTS-POSTE FRANCAIS.

NOTICE.

STEAM FOR SAIGON, SINGAPORE, BATAVIA, COLOMBO, PONDICHERY, CALCUTTA, BOMBAY, ADEEN, DJIBOUTI, EGYPT, MARSEILLES, MEDITERRANEAN AND BLACK SEA PORTS, LONDON, HAVRE, BORDEAUX, ALSO

PORTS OF BRAZIL AND RIVER PLATE.

ON TUESDAY, the 15th December, 1903, at 1 P.M., the Company's Steamship "ARMAND BEHIC," Captain Flaudin, with Mails, Passengers, Specie and Cargo will leave this Port for MARSEILLES, via Ports of Call, WITHOUT TRANSHIPMENT.

This Steamer connects at COLOMBO with the Australian Line S.S. *Nera* bound for MARSEILLES via BOMBAY and ADEEN.

Cargo and Specie will be registered for London as well as for Marseilles, and accepted in transit through Marseilles for the principal places of Europe.

Shipping Orders will be granted till NOON only on MONDAY, the 14th instant, Specie and Parcels received until 4 P.M. on the same day. No Cargo will be received on board on TUESDAY.

Parcels are not to be sent on board, they must be left at the Agency's Office. Contents and Value of Packages are required.

For further Particulars, apply at the Company's Office.

G. DE CHAMPEAUX,

Agent.

Hongkong, 4th December, 1903. [1004c]

THE ROBINSON PIANO Co., LTD.

NOTE.

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- E. EXTRA SUPERIOR OLD PALE DRY, Very Fine Quality (old bottled), Black Seal Capsule 27.00
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FOR CHARITY'S SAKE.

We have, in Hongkong, many deserving institutions for the relief of the indigent and suffering, and amongst these there is one that appeals with especial pathos to our sentiments because its work is amongst the helpless and the weak, the object of its solicitude being the abandoned children of the poor. *L'Asile de la Sainte Enfance*—the Refuge of Holy Childhood—has already formed the object of a lengthy description in our columns, and the majority of our readers are familiar with the austere building known as the French Convent, situated on Praya East, overlooking the men-of-war anchorage, and covering a large area of ground extending from Queen's Road East down to the sea-front. There are few, however, who realise the good work that has been going on within this refuge. For the past fifty years the saintly Sisters of the Convent have been rescuing thousands of native infants from death by disease, starvation and maltreatment, cherishing and educating the discarded offsprings, born in poverty or shame, and protecting the persecuted slave-girl from the brutality of her owner. Silently, unostentatiously and devotedly this little band of Sisters of the order of *Saint Paul de Chartres* has laboured from one year's end to another. Far from the sunny fields of smiling France these self-sacrificing women have come, abandoning for ever all family ties, all home affections, to serve the Master in the way that He loved by tending to the sufferings of His little ones, who, poorer even than He, have not a manger for a bed. Let those who would assure themselves of this high example of self-abnegation, so rare in our age of money-grabbing scepticism, spare but an hour and visit this admirable establishment. Permission is always willingly granted by the Reverend Mother Felicie, who aged in the fight for the good cause though still active and alert, must perforce depute the smiling and good-hearted senior Sister Louise to accompany the visitor. Entering the main building the spacious reception rooms and library are passed through. The floors of these rooms and the passage are of polished hard wood. They are sufficiently, but not elaborately, furnished and as clean as the proverbial new pin; as, indeed, is the whole establishment and every section and corner of it. Passing through the hall the visitor is taken into the playground and yard, partly covered with grass and pretty ferns, trees and small coconut palms dotted about. Soon the large washrooms are reached where a score or two of young women (Chinese) ranging in age from 10 to 18 are hard at work washing the clothing of the Sisters and of the other inmates of the institution. They look bright and happy, and their healthy appearance speaks volumes for the good care and liberal diet they receive. Then the work-rooms are entered, where several hundred girls, nearly all Chinese, are engaged in needle-work of all kinds. Many orders are received from European ladies, chiefly consisting in *trousseaux* for babies. Some of the children who are at work are totally blind and the kindly Sister Louise, smiling benignly at the surprise of the visitor, tells one how expert they are. In an adjoining room a large number of girls, ranging from 13 to about 18, are engaged in making exquisite lace, for which there is quite a brisk demand. The pattern is marked out by one of the good Sisters and the accuracy with which the little things copy it is simply marvellous. The thread used is imported from France and the kind of lace mostly turned out is of the well known *torcheon* variety. Other busy hands are making exquisite table cover "centres," while others again put the finishing touches on an embroidered altar frontal which is destined for one of the mission churches. These works of art are beautifully executed and speak highly for the exquisite taste and consummate patience of the Sisters who have instructed the workers. The dormitories in which over 500 children and young women are accommodated are scrupulously clean and well ventilated. Each inmate has an iron bedstead, well raised from the floor, to herself. Each has a blanket, sheet, thin mattress, and pillow. The smaller children have a neat iron railing round their cots to prevent them falling out on to the floor, and in the infants' rooms there

are always a few of the young women who attend to the wants of the little ones during the night. In each of the dormitories there are neatly furnished apartments for two or more of the Sisters, who have widows near the head of the bed through which they can look over the large and airy rooms. The cleanliness, comfort and healthy conditions under which these young women are brought up is in the highest degree creditable to the Reverend Mother and her devoted *soeurs*. The rescue work is as meritorious as it is successful and creditable, and the conversion of these waifs into useful seamstresses, good cooks and skilful washerwomen is commendable in the extreme. The devotion of the Sisters to their work, and the success they have attained fills the visitor with admiration for the noble little band of workers, who with so little accomplish so much. When an infant is admitted it is brought up in the Roman Catholic faith, the Sisters all being of that persuasion. There is no pressure brought to bear on the inmates, however, for with young women or girls entrusted to the care of the Rev. Mother there is no compulsion used. They can either adopt Roman Catholicism or leave religion severely alone. They attend, with the other children, the morning and evening service in the neat little chapel inside the grounds, in which there are seats for over 400, and if they wish to be instructed the Sisters are, of course, willing to give them the way and wherefore for everything that attracts their attention. If, after they have grasped the main truths of the Faith, they wish to adopt it in its entirety they are baptised, and some of the children have grown up strong in the Faith, have donned the veil and are now ministering to their less fortunate countrywomen in Hongkong and other parts of the Far East. Many girls in their teens have lived months in the place and have been returned at their own wish, either to their parents, guardians, or owners without having adopted any religion. It is erroneous to suppose the main object of the establishment is to make "good Catholics" of all the inmates. That is not so. The Sisters' life work is the salvation of the helpless and needy, and by education and careful instruction in the codes of morality and honour. The disastrous epidemic of Black Plague in Hongkong, in 1894, created great havoc among the lower classes, and consequently many aged Chinese women were left destitute on the streets of the colony. Their husbands or the hardworking son or daughter, who had previously supported them, were swept into Eternity, and nine perhaps, out of a family of ten or a dozen, were left to care for the aged mother or grandmother. The number of these starving women was constantly increasing, and the sad state of affairs soon came to the knowledge of the Sisters of Charity, who in the "plague year" (1894) admitted many of these aged and homeless women. They were quartered, as at present, in a number of airy rooms overlooking the harbour, were given good food and plenty of it, and in return thereof were expected to do any light work that they might be able to do, such as spinning and weaving with the crude native looms which in their houses they were accustomed to manipulate; others were set to making coarse thread from raw hemp, and others again to hemming and darning. Over two hundred of these poor creatures have been cared for, during the past nine years, and at the present time there are about 50 of them in the new wing of this model convent. One of the most interesting, and the one that certainly appeals most to visitors, is the hospital and infants' nursery, where a score or more of the tiny ones lie in their cots. These are the babes abandoned by their parents. Some because they were sick; others because they were girls instead of boys and would therefore be of more expense and less use to their needy parents; others, again, because their mothers were careless of them, did not want to be bothered with them, let them almost starve to death, and then brought the poor expiring infants to the good Sisters, knowing full well that they would at least receive decent interment. The emaciated features, shrunken limbs and lifeless eye-balls of these suffering little ones pull at the heartstrings. How noble these good women work, sparing no pains, begrudging no labour to bring back from the shadow of the dark valley these dying mites. About 1,400 children are left each year at the gate of the convent; of these but a few are saved, and this terrible mortality is due to the fact that the mothers bring in their children only when they are at death's door. This is owing to the crass ignorance and superstition of the pariahs, who, to the last moment, will trust in the spurious remedies of the native quacks. Well-to-do Chinese take a certain amount of interest in the institution, which is partially supported by a yearly grant of 23,000 francs from the parent organisation in Paris, but these might do more since the inmates of the institution are, by a large majority, women and children of that race. There is a fine field here for the charity of some of the rich philanthropic members of our Asiatic Community, for never was there

a cause more deserving of their generosity. There is one section of the establishment given up to the instruction and training of the children of Europeans. These are kept separate from the Chinese and their dormitories are apart from the main building, near the Reverend Mother and Senior Sisters, and their meals are supplied in an airy room near a balcony overlooking the harbour. The *Asile de la Sainte Enfance* was first established in Hongkong in 1848, but the mother institution in Paris was founded over three hundred years ago. The object of the institution was, and is, that broad-minded charity sung by Scotland's poet:—

"Then, gently scan your brother man,
Still gentler, sister woman;
Though they may gang a kemin' wrang
To step aside is humane."

It was destined to succor the children of those unfortunate women, to whom that which should have been the glorious crown of motherhood was, owing to the egotistical passion of the male, but a stigma of shame. Several convents were erected in Paris and were all provided with a *crèche*, which is a species of iron cradle fixed on a pivot in an aperture in the wall near the porch of the edifice. The frail ones bent upon hiding the proof of their shame, or the poor, sick women, unable to nourish their offsprings would, of a night, come to the refuge. The babe was placed in the *crèche*, the mother touched the bell-rope and, while the sonorous clang of the bronze still vibrated through the stillness, the iron cradle revolved carrying the innocent mite to warmth and comfort, and, better still, to the loving care of the saintly women who waited within. No questions were asked, no inquiries made. The child that came through the wall was sent by Heaven; and the tender charity of the devoted Sisters, the self-sacrifice of the lonely sinning woman without must have effaced the fault that was only partly hers. But putting aside all religious sentiment in reviewing the task undertaken by the Sisters of St. Paul de Chartres, there is still a grand lesson in humanity to be learnt by a visit to the Convent in Hongkong. Who, on watching the care and kindness lavished on these abandoned waifs, can fail to admire that beautiful maternal instinct which is innate in all women and developed to a saintly degree in these ministering Sisters? To-morrow a bazaar is to be held at the City Hall in aid of the funds of the establishment, when some of the leading ladies of the colony will hold stalls and sell the product of the little workers in the convent. No better occasion could occur for those desirous of helping a deserving charity; a real monument to pity and humanity.

"In Faith and Hope the world will disagree,
But all mankind's concern is charity."

LOCAL AND GENERAL.

THERE were six inches of ice on the river at Newchwang on the 26th ult.

THE English mail of the 7th November was delivered in London on 5th inst.

MR. P. G. Scott-Cranston, the *Daily Chronicle* special correspondent, is visiting Siam.

THE British Government has announced that it has no designs on Tibet. The object of the present expedition to Tibet is not territorial aggression, but scientific and geographical investigation.

THE President of the French Republic left Paris for Rome on the 1st inst. He will be the guest of the King of Italy. His departure was accompanied by an enthusiastic demonstration.

MR. Kang Yu Wei, the distinguished Chinese reformer who recently paid a visit to the Malay States, has returned to Singapore after making a tour through Java. He was very pleased with his reception there, both at the hands of his fellow-countrymen and the Dutch officials.

MANILA exchanges state that the Japanese Minister in the Court of St. James has been notified that the Government at Tokio had declared Yongnampho, Corea, an open port in the interest of commerce. This is a Japanese concession to the Powers, including a demand from Russia.

CASES of communicable diseases notified as having occurred in the Colony during the week ended 5th inst. are as follows:—plague, one fatal (Chinese); puerperal fever, one fatal (Chinese). Since the beginning of the year 1,421 cases of plague have been recorded, 1,248 of which terminated fatally.

THE Manila *Cablenews* of the 1st states that Admiral Alexieff, the Russian Viceroy of Manchuria, has begun a naval demonstration in Corregidor waters as a sort of reply to the recent Russo-Jap naval fracas at Chemulpo, the capital city of the Island. The battleship *Pothua* and torpedo-boat destroyers, which sailed from Port Arthur on November 8th, after a cruise have finally arrived there and the result is that excitement is at fever-heat. The movement of the Japanese fleet, which sailed several days ago so mysteriously from Tokio, is now explained. It is on the scene to protect Chemulpo from the Russians if their vessels attempt to molest the city. Another Russian warship has arrived at Chinnampo.

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TWENTY-FOUR subscription griffins arrived from Shanghai yesterday and were drawn for at Kennedy's Causeway Bay repository, at 4.30 p.m. Telegraphic advice has been received from Shanghai that 28 more griffins have been passed, 12 of which will be shipped to-day.

THE *Universal Cine* has heard that the London-China Syndicate has sent out mining experts to prospect the mines in Kuang-te district. On the 28th of last month they arrived at Kuang-te City, and the next day they went to their work among the "Single Mount," where they stayed for about ten days. They were accorded an escort.

RETURN of visitors to the City Hall Library and Museum for the week ending 6th December, 1903:—

	Library	Museum
Nor-Chinese	159	34
Chinese	47	1,663
Total	206	1,697

THE *Avenir du Tonkin* tells of a native there who, on drawing near his seventieth year, wanted to burn himself alive in order to become a first class saint in the Buddhist heaven. This fanatic, prompted by a laudable desire to keep well within the limits of the law, wrote a letter to the local authorities asking leave to burn himself. They took no notice of the letter because it was not written on stamped paper. It is expected that he will renew the application in approved official style.

TOSURE Tabai, a Japanese tallyman on board the *Madan Ashu*, had a row with a coolie early this morning. The Japanese was checking the weights of the baskets, and it is alleged that a coolie threw a piece of coal at him. He chased the coolie and the latter fell overboard. He never rose and his body has not yet been recovered. The remaining coolies crowded round the Jap, until the police came and arrested him. He appeared at the Magistrate's Court before Mr. T. Sercombe Smith, this morning, when a coolie gave evidence to the effect that the defendant threw the man into the water. The case was remanded until Friday.

THE following telegraphic information dated 1st inst. has been received from the Sumatra Director and Manager of the Maatschappij tot Mijn- Bosch- en Land- bouwexploitatie in Langkat, I. d.:

	Gallons.
Daily aggregate output of Crude Petroleum	64,000
Crude Petroleum in Tanks at date	250,000
Kerosene made since the date of the preceding monthly telegram	63,000
Kerosene shipped since the date of the preceding half-monthly telegram	54,000
Kerosene in Stock at Refinery at date	95,000

THE Hon. Treasurer of the Alice Memorial and Netherdale Hospitals begs to acknowledge with thanks the following donation to the funds of the Hospitals:—

Pawnbrokers Guild	\$200
Bankers Do.	125
Druggists Do.	100
Eating House Keepers Guild	100
Cotton Yarn Dealers Do.	100
Chin Wah Hong Co.	100
California and Australian Exports and Imports Guild	100
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Goldsmiths Do.	75
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Tobacco Do.	30
Vermilion Dealers Guild	30
Fong Sing Ting	25
Tea Dealers Do.	25.50

CORRESPONDENCE.

(We do not necessarily endorse the opinions expressed by Correspondents in this column.)

THE LEPERS OF CANTON.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE "HONGKONG TELEGRAPH."

SIR,—Will you allow me to make known through the columns of your paper the wants of the lepers of Canton? It is known to many people that at the East Gate of the city there is a village containing upwards of 1,000 lepers. These lepers receive from the local government free houses. Many of these houses are new and fairly comfortable. In addition to the free houses, about 600 of the lepers receive three cents each a day in money. The majority of the 1,000 must beg for their living, as the three cents do not furnish wood for cooking, vegetables, etc. Of the 1,000 in the village not less than 600 have not enough to eat. They are, in fact, half starved. When the weather is warm and dry they can make their way to the city and beg from shop to shop, and earn enough to get two small meals each day. But in the cold and wet weather many cannot leave the village and are obliged to go without food or beg from their more fortunate brethren. Their scanty supply of clothing makes them feel the need of food very keenly. Several have died during the cold weather this fall from cold and want of food.

For several years I have been trying to make the lives of these suffering people less miserable. Besides a chapel, I have a school and a free dispensary in the village, supported by gifts from friends of the lepers.

If any one wishes to help to feed and clothe these helpless and suffering lepers, I will gladly receive and acknowledge their contributions. Help must be given during the cold weather, or many will starve to death or die from cold.—Yours truly,

ANDREW BEATTIE.
American Presbyterian Mission,
Canton, China, 7th December, 1903.

[We heartily commend this appeal to the notice of all our readers many of whom, we feel sure, would be glad to contribute to so deserving a cause and to avail themselves of an opportunity such as that which is now offered by our correspondent, and which we sincerely trust may result in a substantial sum being realised. The leper village of Fat Tung Yan is situated about six miles to the east of Canton, and every effort that aims at removing some of the hardships of its inhabitants is deserving of liberal support.—ED. H.K.T.]

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BANK OF CHINA AND JAPAN
(IN LIQUIDATION).

A general meeting of the members of the above-named company was held on 2nd ult. at Cannon-street Hotel, London, when the first report of the liquidator was presented. Mr. J. M. Skinner, liquidator, presided.

The Liquidator, in the course of his speech, said: From the statement it will be seen that all the liabilities to the public have been discharged. It is satisfactory to be able to state that all bills, loans receivable, and advances have run off without a single bad debt. The remaining unrealised assets under the headings "Bills Receivable and Other Assets" and "Unrealised Assets of Old Bank" are of little or no value. The deficiency account of Old Bank remains unchanged at £180,000. The deficiency was, as you are aware, caused chiefly by the refusal of the Chinese shareholders of the Old Bank to pay the calls made on them. I do not think it is necessary to detain you by entering at any length into the facts showing how the claims for these unpaid calls arose, and what steps were taken from time to time with a view to enforcing them. I need only say that I have left nothing undone in my efforts to induce the Foreign Office to interfere on behalf of the shareholders. Amongst other proposals for a settlement, I suggested to the Foreign Office that the matter should be submitted to arbitration, and, in the event of this course being agreed to, I undertook, on behalf of the British shareholders, to claim for such a sum only as would be sufficient to equalise the ultimate loss per share of the British and Chinese shareholders, provided the Chinese Government would undertake to enforce the award of the arbitrator in the same way as if it were a final and binding decision of a Chinese Court. This would have reduced the amount to be paid by the Chinese from £8 15s. per share, plus interest from 1895, to about £2 per share; but I regret to have to inform you that the final decision of the Chinese Government, which was communicated to me by the Foreign Office about a month ago, is to the effect that they are not prepared to agree that the case be submitted to arbitration or reopened in any other way. Under these circumstances it is useless to make further representations to the Foreign Office, and to recommence litigation in the Chinese Courts would be a waste of money. In view of the very large amount of the claims, and the still remaining possibility of proceeding in the British or Colonial Courts against any defaulting shareholders who might happen to be in British territory, I have thought it my duty to give you an opportunity of keeping the claims alive, should you prefer such a course to finally abandoning them. With this object in view, the scheme outlined in my report has been formulated, but I very much doubt if it would result in any recoveries being made to justify the delay in the closing up of the liquidation of this bank, and the reduction of the amount of the final return of capital, which its adoption would entail. My reasons for this view are:—(1) The smallness of the resources—say £500—which would be available for the realisation of the claims. (2) The difficulty in securing the services of suitable managers and directors; (3) the difficulty in obtaining information regarding the movements of the Chinese contributories, and the difficulty in identifying them. There can be no doubt as to the repudiation of the claims being a clear breach of contractual liability, as the Chinese shareholders knew the nature of their obligations when they signed an agreement, printed in both English and Chinese characters, to the effect that they would pay all calls, and that all questions between them and the bank would be decided in accordance with the law of England. I mention this last result of the opinion of shareholders a keel for in my report is as follows:—For the adoption of some such scheme as outlined in report, 11,457 shares; for the liquidation of the company being kept open for the present, 425 shares; for the liquidation being closed and unrealised assets abandoned, 19,645 shares. I shall now be glad to answer any questions and hear the views of the meeting.

Mr. Bishop then proposed the foregoing resolution, which was seconded by Mr. How, and carried unanimously.

The Chairman then said that, in view of the result of the opinions he had received respecting the scheme, he would take the necessary steps to have the liquidation of the company closed, and the unrealised assets abandoned. He would mention that, in order to carry this scheme, it would be necessary to have a three-fourths majority at each of the meetings to be subsequently convened.

SHIPPING AND MAILS.

MAILS DUE.

American (*America Maru*) to-morrow.
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Indian (*Namsang*) 22nd inst.
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GLASGOW and LIVERPOOL.....	"TYDEUS".....	On 29th December.
GLASGOW and LIVERPOOL.....	"NESTOR".....	On 1st January.
GLASGOW and LIVERPOOL.....	"KEEMUN".....	On 8th January.

S.S. "DARDANUS" has arrived and leaves for Shanghai to-morrow.

S.S. "YANGTZE" left Singapore on the 7th inst., and is due here on the 13th.

HOMEWARDS.

FOR	STEAMERS	TO SAIL
MARSEILLES, LONDON & A'WERP.....	"HYSON".....	On 10th December.
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MARSEILLES, LONDON & A'WERP.....	"PROMETHEUS".....	On 22nd December.
MARSEILLES, LONDON & A'WERP.....	"DARDANUS".....	On 1st January.
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Hongkong, 7th September, 1903. [1073c]

STEAM TO CANTON.

THE Splendid New Steel Twin Screw
Steamer
"KWONG CHOW,"
1,474 Tons, Captain Walker, leaves HONG-
KONG for CANTON at 8.30 P.M. on SUNDAYS,
TUESDAYS and THURSDAYS, returning to
Hongkong the following days leaving
CANTON at 5 P.M. Unexcelled Accommodation
for First Class Passengers. Ship lighted
throughout by Electricity.
Passage Fare, \$4 Single Journey.
Meals \$1 each.
The Company's Wharf is West of the Hong-
kong Harbour Master's Office.
SHIU ON S.S. CO., LTD.,
No. 8, Queen's Road West.
Hongkong, 30th May, 1903. [322c]REGULAR STEAMSHIP SERVICE
TO NEW YORK,
VIA PORTS AND SUEZ CANAL
(With Liberty to call at PHILIPPINE PORTS)PROPOSED SAILINGS FROM HONGKONG.
1903. About

"ORONO".....	10th Dec.
"LOWTHER CASTLE".....	15th Dec.
"SAGAMI".....	24th Dec.
"LENNOX".....	31st Jan.
"AFRIDI".....	17th Jan.

For Freight and further information, apply to

DOWELL & CO., LIMITED,
Agents.
Hongkong, 4th December, 1903. [1390d]EASTERN AND AUSTRALIAN STEAM-
SHIP COMPANY, LIMITED.
FOR MANILA.THE Steamship
"EASTERN,"
Captain W. Ellis, will be despatched for the
above Port, on WEDNESDAY, the 16th inst.,
at Noon.
This well-known Steamer is specially fitted
for Passengers, and has a Refrigerating Cham-
ber, which ensures the supply of Fresh Pro-
visions, Ice, &c., throughout the voyage.
This Steamer is installed throughout with
the Electric Light.
A Stewardess and a duly qualified Surgeon
are carried.
N.B.—To assure the additional comfort of
passengers the steamers of the Company have
electric fans fitted in staterooms.
For Passage, apply to
GIBB, LIVINGSTON & CO.,
Agents.
Hongkong, 5th December, 1903. [1462c]EASTERN AND AUSTRALIAN STEAM-
SHIP COMPANY, LIMITED.
FOR SYDNEY AND MELBOURNE.Calling at TIMOR, PORT DARWIN and QUEEN-
SLAND PORTS, and taking through
Cargo to ADELAIDE, NEW ZEALAND,
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GIBB, LIVINGSTON & CO.,
Agents.
Hongkong, 23rd November, 1903. [1498c]"GLEN" LINE OF STEAMSHIPS.
FOR NEW YORK.THE Steamship
"GLENROY,"
Captain F. Selby, will be despatched as above
on WEDNESDAY, the 16th December, 1903.
For Freight, apply to
MCGREGOR BROS. & GOW,
Hongkong, 18th November, 1903. [1385c]THE AMERICAN ASIATIC STEAM-
SHIP COMPANY.
STEAMSHIP SERVICE FOR NEW
YORK VIA THE SUEZ CANAL.THE Company's Steamship
"HIMIRA,"
Captain Lockhart, will be despatched as above
on or about MONDAY, the 21st December.
For Freight, &c., apply to
SHEWAN, TOMES & CO.,
General Agents.
Hongkong, 3rd December, 1903. [1454c]

Shipping—Steamers.

IMPERIAL GERMAN MAIL LINE.
NORDEUTSCHER HAMBURG-AMERIKA
LOYD.
STEAM FOR
SHANGHAI, NAGASAKI, HIOGO
AND YOKOHAMA.
THE Imperial German Mail Steamship"KIAUTSCHOU,"
of the HAMBURG-AMERIKA LINE,
Captain Behrens, due here with the outward
German Mail about THURSDAY A.M., will
leave for the above places about 12/24 hours
after arrival.
NORDEUTSCHER LOYD.
For further Particulars, apply to
MELCHERS & CO.,
Agents.
Hongkong, 5th December, 1903. [563c]INDO-CHINA STEAM NAVIGATION
COMPANY, LIMITED.FOR MANILA.
THE Company's Steamship
"LOONGSANG,"
Captain G. S. Weigall, will be despatched as
above, on FRIDAY, the 18th inst., at 4 P.M.
This Steamer has Superior Accommodation
for First Class Passengers, and is fitted through-
out with Electric Light.
For Freight or Passage apply to
JARDINE, MATHESON & Co.,
General Managers.
Hongkong, 5th December, 1903. [1466c]

"SHIRE" LINE STEAMSHIP COMPANY.

FOR LONDON AND HAMBURG.
THE Company's Steamship
"FLINTSHIRE,"
Captain J. M. Haffner, will be despatched for
the above Ports on or about MONDAY, the 28th
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Hongkong, 7th December, 1903. [1469c]Quail—Um-Chun dozen
Rice Birds—Wo Fa Cheuk each
Snipe—Sa Chui each
Turkeys, Cock—Fo Kai Kung pair
Hen pair
Wild Ducks, Shanghai, Sui-ap pair
Teal, Shanghai, Sui Ap Chai each
Wild Ducks Canton—Sang Shing Sui
Apea per pairFISH.
Barbel—Ka Yu lb
Bream—Bin Yu lb
Canton Fresh Water Fish—Hoi Bin Yu lb
Carp—Li Yu lb
Catfish—Chik Yu lb
Codfish—Mun Yu lb
Crabs—Hoi lb
Cuttie Fish—Mok Yu lb
Dab—Sa Mang Yu lb
Dace—Wong Mei Lun lb
Dog Fish—Tik Tu Sa lb
Eels, Congor—Hoi Man Yu lb
Fresh water—Tam Sui Yu lb
Yellow—Wong Sin lbFrogs—Tien Kai lb
Grouper—Sok Pan lb
Gudgeon—Pak Kung Yu lb
Herrings—Tao Pak lb
Halibut—Cheung Kwan Yu lb
Labrus—Wong Fa Yu lb
Loach—Wu Yu lb
Lobsters—Lung Ha lb
Mackerel—Chi Yu lb
Monk Fish—Mon Yu lb
Mullet—Chai Yu lb
Oysters—Sang Hoo lb
Parrotfish—Kai Kung Yu lb
Perch—Tau Loo lb
Pike—Fa Paw Poong lb
Place—Pan Yu lb
Pomfret, Black—Hak Chong lb
Pomfret, White—Pak Chong lb
Prawns—Ming Ha lb
Ray—Pei Pa Sa lb
Rock Fish—Sek Kau Kung lb
Roach—Chun Yu lb
Salmon (Cton), fresh water—Ma Yau
Yu lbShark—Sa Yu lb
Skate—Po Yu lb
Shrimps—Ha lb
Snapper—Lap Yu lb
Sole—Tat Sa Yu lb
Tench—Wan Yu lb
Turbot—Cho Hoi Yu lb
Turtles, small, fresh water—Keok Yu lb
White Bait—Ngan Yu Chai lbFRUITS.
Almond—Hung Yan lb
Apples, (California)—Kam San Ping
Ko lb
(Chefoo)—Tin Chun Ping lb
Bananas, fragrant, Canton—Sang Sheng
Heung Chiu lb
(brides), Macao—San Heung Chiu lb
Chestnuts, Chinese—Foong Lut lb
Carambola—Yeung Tou lb
Cocoanuts—Yeh Tsz lb
Grapes—Sin Tai Tsz lb
Lemons, China—Ning Moong lb
Limes, (Sai Gon)—Sai Kung Ning
Moong lb
Mango, Manila—Lai Sang Moong lb
Mango, Saigon—Sai Kung Moong lb
Mangosteens, San Chuk Tsz lb
Oranges, (Canton)—Sang Sheng Tin
Chang lb
Small—Tai Kut lb
Mandarin—Tim Kut lb
Olives—Pak Lam lb
Pears, (American)—Kam San Shui Li lb
(Canton), Cooking—Sa Li lb
(Shanghai)—Sheung Hoi Li lb
Peanuts—Fa Sang lb
Persimmons Large—Hung Chie lb
Fine-apples, 1st quality—Sheung Poon
Ti Faw-lau lb
and cooking—Chung-tang
Paw-lau lb
Platans—Tai Chen lb
Plums, Swatow—Hung Lai lb
Pumelo, Siam—Chim Lo Yau lb
Walnuts, Hop Tou lb
Green—Sang Hop Tuo lbVEGETABLES, &c.
Artichokes, Shanghai—Sheung Hoi Ah
Chi Chai lb
Beans, (French) Macao—Oh Moon Pin
Tau lb
Beans, (French), Shanghai—Sheung Hoi
Pin Tau lb
Beans, Sprout—Ah Choi lb
Beans Long—Tau Kok lb
Beet Root—Hung Choi Tau lb
Brinjals, Green—Cheung Yuen Ker lb
Brinjals, Red—Hung Ker lb
Brassica—Pak Choi lb
Bamboo Shoots—Chook Shun lb
Cabbage, Chinese, com.—Kai Choy lb
Cabbage Root—Kai Lan Tau lb
Cabbage, (Shanghai)—Yeh Choi lb
Cane Shoots, bunch—Kau Shun lb
Cauliflower, Large size—Tai Yeh Choi
Fa lb
Cauliflower, Medium size—Cheung Yeh
Choi-fa lb
Cauliflower, Small size—Sai Yeh Choi-fa
Choi-fa lb
Carrots—Kam Shun lb
Celery, Chinese—Tong Kan Choy lb
Celery, English—Yeung Kan Choy lb
Celery, White—Pak Yeung Kan Choy lb
Chilies Dried—Con Lat Chiu lb
Chilies Red—Hung Fa lb
Green—Cheng Lat Chiu lb
Curry Stuff, English—Ka Lee Choi Liu
Cucumbers—Cheng Kwa lb
Bitter Squash—Fu Kwa lb
Garlic—Suen Tau lb
Ginger, young—Sun Tsz Keung lb
old—Lo Keung lb
Horse Radish, Shanghai—Lik Kan lb
Indian Corn—Suk Mai lb
Lettuce—Yeung Sang Choi lb
Water Chestnuts—Ma Tai lb
Mandarin—Kwei Lum Ma Tai lb
Mushrooms Fresh—Sang Che Kuo lb
Onions, Bombay—Yeung Chung Tau lb
Onions, Green—Sang Chung Tau lb
Shai—Sheung Hoi Chung Tai
Japan—Yat Foon lb
Okra—Mo Ker lb
Green Beans—Yeung Un Sai lb
Green Beans—Cheng Tau lb
Pistoles, Siam—Pan Shu lb
Pistoles, Shanghai—Sheung Hoi Shu lb
Pistoles, Canton—Pan Shu Tai lb
Pistoles, American—Pan Shu Tai lb
Pistoles, Fook Chow—Fuk Shu Tai
Macao—Oh Moon lb
Pumpkin—Toong Kwa lb
Radish—Hung Lo Pak Tai lb
Shalots—Con Chung Tau lb
Spinage (Chinese)—Paw Choi lb
Spinach—Yin Choi lb
Tomatoes—Fan Ker lb
Carrots—Wu Tau lb
Turnips, Pun-ti (Long)—Low Pak
piece lb
Veg. Marrow—Chit Kwa lb
Wax Beans—Sai Yeung Choi lb
Cauliflowers—Lan Koi lb
Lily Root—Lia Ngau lb
Veg. Beans—E. D. ROGERS
Inspector in charge of Market.

WEATHER-FORECASTS AND

STORM-WARNINGS ISSUED

FROM THE HONGKONG

OBSERVATORY.

METEOROLOGICAL SIGNALS.

Meteorological signals are hoisted on the
mast beside the Time-ball at Kowloon Point
for the information of masters of vessels leaving
the port. They do not imply that bad weather
is expected here:—A DRUM indicates a typhoon to the East-
ward of the Colony, (i.e., in the East
quadrant, N.E. to S.E.)A BALL indicates a typhoon to the West-
ward of the Colony, (i.e., in the West
quadrant, S.W. to N.W.)A CONE Point Upwards indicates a typhoon
to the Northward of the Colony, (i.e., in
the North quadrant, N.W. to N.E.)A CONE Point Downwards indicates a ty-
phoon to the Southward of the Colony,
(i.e., in the South quadrant, S.E. to S.W.)Red Signals indicate that the centre is believ-
ed to be more than 300 miles away from
the Colony.Black Signals indicate that the centre is be-
lieved to be less than 300 miles away
from the Colony.

NIGHT SIGNALS.

Two lanterns hoisted vertically indicate bad
weather in the Colony and that the wind
is expected to veer.Two lanterns hoisted horizontally indicate
bad

SHIPPING.

Steamers Expected.

Arrivals.	Vessels	From	Agents	Due
Hangchow, Br. s.s., 999, Mawley, 6th Dec.,—Chinkiang 1st Dec., Gen.—B. & S.	America Maru	Shanghai	P. M. Co.	Dec. 9
Loongsang, Br. s.s., 1,092, Weigall, 7th Dec.,—Manila 4th Dec., Gen.—J. M. & Co.	Kiaut-chou	Shanghai	J. M. & Co.	Dec. 10
Michael Jensen, Ger. s.s., 710, Uldrup, 7th Dec.,—Haiphong 5th Dec., Gen.—J. & Co.	Karachi Maru	Shanghai	N. Y. K.	Dec. 10
Indrasamha, Br. s.s., 3,360, Craven, 7th Dec.,—Portland, Or., via Moji 3rd Nov., Gen.—Allan, Cameron.	Victoria	Japan	P. M. Co.	Dec. 14
Rubi, Br. s.s., 1,511, Almond, 7th Dec.,—Manila 5th Dec., Gen.—S. T. & Co.	Tataru	Japan	P. M. Co.	Dec. 14
M. Struve, Ger. s.s., 976, Brandt, 7th Dec.,—Haiphong and Hainan 3rd Dec., Gen.—S. & Co.	Emp. of China	Vancouver	P. M. Co.	Dec. 15
Teucer, Br. s.s., 1,595, Silverlock, 7th Dec.,—Moji 2nd Dec., Coal.—D. & Co., Ltd.	Namsang	Calcutta	J. M. & Co.	Dec. 22
Leviathan, H.M.S. battleship, 14,100, Hon. W. J. Stopford, 7th Dec.,—from Wei-hai-wei and Miss Day.	Galic	San Francisco	J. M. & Co.	Dec. 22
Prinz Heinrich, Ger. s.s., 3,902, Heintze, 8th Dec.,—Yokohama via Ports 28th Dec., Mails and Gen.—M. & Co.	H'kong Maru	San Francisco	P. M. Co.	Dec. 31
Daijin Maru, Jap. s.s., 900, Ogata, 8th Dec.,—Tamsui via Amoy and Swatow 7th Dec., Gen.—O. S. K.				
Kweiyang, Br. s.s., 1,062, Honker, 8th Dec.,—Tientsin via Chefoo and Wei-hai-wei 3rd Dec., Gen.—H. & S.				
Hailong, Br. s.s., 783, Evans, 8th Dec.,—Swatow 7th Dec., Gen.—J. L. & Co.				
Pakhoi, Br. s.s., 1,229, Menthel, 8th Dec.,—Moji 2nd Dec., Coal.—B. & S.				
Prometheus, Nor. s.s., 1,023, Lersbyrgen, 8th Dec.,—Canton 7th Dec., Gen.—E. A. T. Co.				
Maizuru Maru, Jap. s.s., 667, Saito, 8th Dec.,—Amoy via Amoy and Swatow 7th Dec., Gen.—O. S. K.				
Glory, H.M.S. battleship, 12,950, Carter, 8th Dec.,—Kobe 28th Nov.				

Clearances at the Harbour Office.
 Sin Cheong, for Canton.
 Hailong, for Swatow.
 Pak Kong, for Macao.
 Wingchow, for Canton.
 Kweiyang, for Canton.
 Hue, for Quong-chow-wan.
 Lightning, for Singapore.
 Chun On, for Wuchow.
 Hoi To, for Canton.
 Sabine Rickmers, for Canton.
 Chunsang, for Singapore.
 Kweiyang, for Canton.

Departures.

Dec. 7.
 Illia, Ger. gunboat, for Canton.
 Dec. 8.
 Simla, for Shanghai.
 Akitsushima, Jap. cruiser, for Japan.
 Takachiho, Jap. cruiser, for Japan.
 Puyo, for Singapore.
 Andree Rickmers, for Swatow.
 Hatching, for Swatow.
 Progress, for Swatow.
 Glendora, for Amoy.
 Lightning, for Canton.
 Chunsang, for Singapore.
 Hatching, for Canton.
 Seton, for Canton.

Passengers arrived.

Per Indrasamha, from Portland, Or.—Mr. J. W. Ransome, and 11 Chinese.
 Per Loongsang, from Manila—Mrs. Thornton, Messrs. Ballant, Spennert, Henner, Partick, Cutler, Ballock, Burt, Ganble, Colass, and 42 Chinese.
 Per Rubi, from Manila—Messrs. W. M. White, E. Black, Misses Leighton, Booth, Capt. and Mrs. Trowbridge, Lieut. M. L. Miller, Messrs. G. Watson, B. C. Keck, Mr. and Mrs. Yanovich, Chan Chiu Chong, and 50 Chinese.
 Per Prinz Heinrich, for Hongkong from Yokohama—Mrs. Griffith, Mr. S. T. Bigelow, and Major A. B. Hamilton. From Kobe—Messrs. B. S. Litchfield, M. E. Asger, A. C. Champollion, John L. Zangerle, S. Hoover, L. Hoffmann and A. Zangerle. From Shanghai—Dr. and Mrs. G. Zimmermann, Mr. and Mrs. F. Bornemann, Mrs. H. E. Pollock, Lieut. W. Busse, Misses E. Moore and F. Johnston, Messrs. Ellis Kadourie, L. de Luca, O. Blum, E. Giese, L. D. Hargis, C. H. Hermann, D. M. Moses, Geo. McElin, E. M. Macleish, Faberge, Iburg, B. M. Smith, H. D. Dodge, F. S. O. Alsop, W. Cowen, A. H. Schraefel, F. G. Chunnell, A. A. Boreis, Melbye and Kalweit.

Shipping Reports.

Str. Hangchow from Chinkiang—Strong monsoon, fine weather.
 Str. Rubi from Manila—Strong N.E. gale, and high sea throughout.
 Str. Hailong from Swatow—Fresh breeze, moderate sea, fine clear weather.
 Str. Loongsang from Manila—Leaving there moderate N.E. monsoon, Nly sea, which increased to fresh gale, with high beam sea, moderating towards Hongkong.
 Str. Pakhoi from Moji—Moderate to fresh N.W. gale, with high sea and heavy rain squalls from Moji to Hieshans, then to port: strong N.E. wind, high sea and clear weather.
 Str. Teucer from Moji—On 3rd inst. strong gale with violent squalls, high N.W. sea, on 4th decreasing wind, running into N.E. monsoon, and continued within one hundred miles of Hongkong having fine weather.
 Str. Kweiyang from Wei-hai-wei—There to Hieshans fresh to strong N.W. winds and moderate sea, thence to Chapel Island strong N.E. monsoon and high sea, fine weather, thence to port light variable winds and fine weather.
 Str. Indrasamha from Portland—Strong N.W. winds, fine clear weather and rough sea from Rokuren Island to Turnabout, Ocksen to port strong N.E. monsoon, and rough sea with cloudy fine weather, moderating to light airs after passing Pedro Blanco.

Ships Passed The Canal.

Outward—13th November—Satsuma, Yang, Rearty, Tze, Quei, Mary, Japan, Wurzburg, 17th November—Kiautshou, St. Kilda, 20th November—Annam, Bernicia, Hakata Maru, Dragoman, Anhui, Min, Radley, Auchenrag, St. George, 25th November—Shimosa, Alesia, Indradeo, Cluverburn, Glenloch, Henledi, 28th November—Pyrrhus, Crusader, Tydeus, 1st December—Glovern, Howick, Hull, Badenli, Breizhuat, Glovern, Palermo, 4th December—Ara Maru, Nestor, Polynesian, Chardouin, Homeward, 13th November—Vindobona, 25th November—Sambha, Rom, 1st December—Jaya, Wakusa Maru, Fackling, 4th December—Preston.
 Arrivals at Home—13th November—Dante, Jauba Maru, Kungiberg, Andalusia, 17th November—Socotra, 17th November—Seydlitz, Braemar, Henschel, Ernest Simon, 20th November—Persia, 28th November—Hitachi Maru, 1st December—Agamemnon, Abyssinia, Kentmere, Yarra, 4th December—Idoneus, Horneo.

Hongkong & Whampoa Dock Returns.

H.M.S. Amphitrite, at Kowloon Dock.
 H.M.S. Rinaldo, " "
 H.I.G.M.S. Moewe, " "
 Amphib, " "
 Kiangtung, " "
 U.S.A.T. Sacramento, " "
 U.S.S. Ajax, " "
 Kaipan, " "
 Tarlac, " "
 Hankow, " "
 Salamanca, " Cosmopolitan "

Vessels in Port.

STEAMERS.
 An Pho, Br. s.s., 996, Kynoch, 30th Nov.,—Saigon 24th Nov., Gen.—B. & Co.
 Benlounum, Br. s.s., 1,758, Hutton, 6th Dec.,—Singapore 26th Nov., Gen.—G. L. & Co.
 British Monarch, Br. s.s., Walker, 30th Nov.,—New York 3rd Oct. and Singapore 21st Nov., Case Oil—Chinese.
 Chowhai, Ger. s.s., 1,115, Textor, 6th Dec.,—Bangkok via Swatow 25th Nov., Rice.—B. & S.
 Clara Jensen, Ger. s.s., 1,103, Bendixen, 30th Dec.,—Haiphong 26th Nov. and Hoihow 20th, Rice and Gen.—J. & Co.
 Captic, Br. s.s., 2,744, Bendine, R.N.R., 28th Nov.,—San Francisco 31st Oct., Honolulu 7th Nov., Yokohama 20th, Kobe 21st, Nagasaki 23rd, and Shanghai (Woosung) 26th, Mails and Gen.—O. S. K.
 Daija Maru, Jap. s.s., 1,733, Yokohama, 6th Dec.,—Moji 1st Dec., Coal—H. U. Jeffries.
 Elisabeth Rickmers, Ger. s.s., 997, Neubinger, 23rd Nov.,—Bangkok and Swatow 13th Nov., Rice.—A. K. & Co.
 Elso, Ger. s.s., 903, Petersen, 4th Dec.,—Panatonekan (Java) 23rd Nov., Sugar.—J. & Co.
 Empress of Japan, Br. s.s., 3,003, Beeshaw, R.N.R., 24th Nov.,—Vancouver 3rd Nov. and Shanghai 22nd, Mails and Gen.—C. P. R. Co.
 Glengarry, Br. s.s., 1,924, Willey, R.N.R., 7th Dec.,—London 20th Oct. and Singapore 28th Nov., Gen.—J. M. & Co.
 Hopsang, Br. s.s., 1,359, Hay, 6th Dec.,—Hongkong 3rd Dec., Coal.—J. M. & Co.
 Hue, Fr. s.s., 930, Godfard, 7th Dec.,—Haiphong and Kwong-chow-wan 6th Dec., Gen.—A. R. M.
 Keongwai, Ger. s.s., 1,115, Mollermaier, 1st Dec.,—Bangkok 20th Nov., Teak-square, Rice and Gen.—B. & S.
 Kohsichang, Ger. s.s., 1,293, Spiesen, 2nd Dec.,—Bangkok and Ang Hin 21st Nov., Rice.—B. & S.
 Koun Maru, Jap. s.s., 1,784, Minamikawa, 2nd Dec.,—Kobe 28th Nov., Coal and Gen.—Tan Yok Chon.
 Loyal, Ger. s.s., 1,236, Buhrmann, 7th Dec.,—Canton 7th Dec., Coal.—S. W. & Co.
 Madeleine Rickmers, Ger. s.s., 1,020, Sanders, 11th Nov.,—Bangkok 2nd Nov., Rice.—A. K. & Co.
 Murea, Br. s.s., 2,329, Holliday, 6th Dec.,—Singapore 19th Nov. and Palumbay 24th, Petroleum in Bulk.—A. K. & Co.
 Petarch, Ger. s.s., 1,251, Ahrens, 11th Oct.,—Sourabaya 30th Sept., Sugar.—S. W. & Co.
 Phu Yen, Fr. s.s., 1,298, Thomas, 30th Nov.,—Saigon 25th Nov., Rice, Flour and Gen.—B. & Co.
 Prinsesse Marie, Dan. s.s., 3,518, Berentzen, 5th Dec.,—Antwerp 11th Oct. and Singapore 26th Nov., Gen.—M. & Co.
 Pronto, Ger. s.s., 612, Graudt, 7th Dec.,—Canton 6th Dec., Gen.—S. & Co.
 Sungking, Br. s.s., 1,021, Outerbridge, 5th Dec.,—Manila 2nd Dec., Hemp.—B. & S.
 Trios, Ger. s.s., 1,033, Kraef, 25th Nov.,—Saigon 19th Nov., Rice-flour and Gen.—S. & Co.
 Triumph, Ger. s.s., 769, Hansen, 5th Dec.,—Hoihow 4th Dec., Gen., Cattle and Pigs.—J. & Co.
 Waishung, Br. s.s., 1,170, Courtney, 5th Dec.,—Canton 4th Dec., Gen.—J. M. & Co.
 Windsor, Br. s.s., 1,852, Booth, 24th Nov.,—Moji 18th Nov., Coal.—B. & Co.

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SAILING VESSELS.

Brilliant, Br. bq., 3,609, Cowlishaw, 23rd Oct.,—Shanghai 16th Oct., Gen.—S. O. Co.
 Lillebonne, Am. sch., 708, Finnen, 6th Oct.,—Manila 18th Sept., Ballast.—D. & Co., Ltd.
 Helena Wyman, Am. bq., 1,521, Vanhon, 10th Aug.,—Singapore 1st Aug., Ballast.—Master.

POST OFFICE.

A Rail will 0 oao for:
 Canton—Per Fatsan, 9th Dec., 7.30 A.M.
 Swatow—Per Hailong, 9th Dec., 8 A.M.
 Quong-chow-wan, Hoihow, Pakhoi and Haiphong—Per Hui, 9th Dec., 9 A.M.
 Prince Heinrich, 11 A.M. via Taticorin—Per Macao—Per Hui, 9th Dec., 1.15 P.M.
 Manila—Per Sunghang, 9th Dec., 1.15 P.M.
 Kongmoon, Kumchuk and Samshui—Per See Wui, 9th Dec., 4 P.M.
 Quong-chow-wan—Per Macao, 9th Dec., 4 P.M.
 Canton—Per Kinshan, 9th Dec., 5 P.M.
 Namtao—Per Taichun, 9th Dec., 5 P.M.
 Sanbue—Per Hoi Fu, 9th Dec., 5 P.M.
 Macao—Per Wingchui, 9th Dec., 5 P.M.
 Yokohama and Kobe—Per Ambria, 9th Dec., 5 P.M.
 Canton—Per Honan, 10th Dec., 7.30 A.M.
 Swatow, Amoy and Tamsui—Per Daiji Maru, 10th Dec., 10 A.M.
 Macao—Per Hui, 10th Dec., 1.15 P.M.
 Kobe—Per Chinkiang, 10th Dec., 3 P.M.
 Shanghai—Per Loongsang, 10th Dec., 3 P.M.
 Kongmoon, Kumchuk and Samshui—Per See Wui, 10th Dec., 4 P.M.
 Shanghai—Per Kwang, 10th Dec., 4 P.M.
 Canton—Per Fatsan, 10th Dec., 5 P.M.
 Namtao—Per Taichun, 10th Dec., 5 P.M.
 Sanbue—Per Hoi Fu, 10th Dec., 5 P.M.
 Macao—Per Wingchui, 10th Dec., 5 P.M.
 Manila—Per Rohilla Maru, 11th Dec., 10 A.M.
 Macao—Per Hui, 11th Dec., 1.15 P.M.
 Manila—Per Loongsang, 11th Dec., 3 P.M.
 Kongmoon, Kumchuk and Samshui—Per See Wui, 11th Dec., 4 P.M.
 Canton—Per Kinshan, 11th Dec., 5 P.M.
 Namtao—Per Taichun, 11th Dec., 5 P.M.
 Sanbue—Per Hoi Fu, 11th Dec., 5 P.M.

THE WEATHER.

The following report is from Mr. F. G. Figg, acting Director of the Hongkong Observatory:
 On the 8th at 11.45 a.m. The barometer has risen over E. Japan, fallen over SW. Japan, the Loochoos and China.
 A depression is moving Eastwards over Manchuria, and pressure is now high over SE. Japan.
 Gradients slight on the China coast with moderate monsoon in the Formosa Channel, and moderate over the China Sea with strong monsoon.
 Forecast—N. winds, light or moderate; fine.

CHINA COAST METEOROLOGICAL REGISTER.

	Dec. 7 at 10 a.m.	Dec. 7 at 4 p.m.	Dec. 8 at 4 p.m.
Barometer	30.22	30.11	30.11
Temperature	64	64	64
Humidity	66	64	64
Rainfall	—	—	—

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THE SHARE MARKET.

STOCKS.	PAID UP VALUE.	LAST DIVIDEND.	TO-DAY'S QUOTATIONS.
BANKS.			
Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation.....	\$ 125	{ Div. of £1.10/- @ 1/8 = \$18 for half year ending 30.6.1903	\$670
National Bank of China, Ltd.....	£ 8	3/4 = \$1.96 for 1902	\$30 b.
Do. Founders.....	£	None	\$10
MARINE INSURANCES.			
Union In. Society of Cien, Ltd.....	\$ 100	32 per cent = \$32 per share for 1902	\$490
China Traders' In. Co., Ltd.....	\$ 25	16% = \$4 for year ended 30.4.1902	\$61 sa.
North China In. Co., Ltd.....	£ 25	Final of £1 making £2 for 1902	Tls. 220
Yangtze In. Association, Ltd.....	£ 60	20% = \$12 for 1901	\$135
Canton In. Office, Ltd.....	\$ 50	30% = \$15 per share for 1902	\$175 sa.
FIRE INSURANCES.			
Hongkong Fire In. Co., Ltd.....	\$ 50	\$22 1/2 per share for 1901	\$315
China Fire In. Co., Ltd.....	\$ 20	\$6 per share for 1901	\$90
SHIPPING.			
Hongkong, Canton, & Macao Steamboat Co., Ltd.....	\$ 15	\$1 1/4 for half-year ending 30.6.1903	\$32 1/2 sa.
Indo-China S. N. Co., Ltd.....	£ 10	5% = 10/- per share for 1902	\$76 b.
China & Manila S.S. Co., Ltd.....	\$ 50	10% = \$5 per share for 1902	\$18 sa.
Douglas Steamship Co., Ltd.....	\$ 50	Div. of \$3 for year ended 30.6.1903	\$30 b.
"Star" Ferry Co., Ltd.....	\$ 10	\$1.20 = 12% for year ending 30.6.1903	\$28 b.
"Shell" Transport & Trading Co., Ltd.....	\$ 5	60 cts. } 30.4.03	\$18 b.
Taku Tug & Lighter Co., Ltd.....	£ 1	3rd Interim of 6d. for 1902	£1 3/4
Shanghai Tug & Lighter Co., Ltd.....	Tls. 50	Interim of 2% for 1903	Tls. 30
Do. Preference.....	Tls. 50	Interim of 4% = Tls. 2.00	Tls. 52 1/2
Do. Preference.....	Tls. 50	Interim of 3 1/2% = Tls. 1.75	Tls. 50
REFINERIES.			
China Sugar Refining Co., Ltd.....	\$ 100	Fin. of \$ making \$12 for 1901	\$105
Luxon Sugar Refining Co., Ltd.....	\$ 100	\$3 per share for 1897	\$10
Peak Sugar Cultivation Co., Ltd.....	Tls. 50	Fin. of 7% for year ending 30.9.02	Tls. 60
MINING.			
Panjin Mining Co., Ltd.....	\$ 11	None	\$1 1/2
Société Française des Charbonnages du Tonkin	Fr. 250	Fin. of Frs. 30 making Frs. 60 for 1902	\$600 s.
Raub Australian Gold Mining Co., Ltd.....	£0.18.10.	No. 12 of 1/- per share 28.1.01	\$8 s.
Chinese Engineering & Mining Co., Ltd.....	£ 1	No. 2 of 1/- per share 26.10.03	Tls. 5 1/2 sa.
DOCKS, WHARVES AND GODOWNS.			
Hongkong & Whampoa Dock Co., Ltd.....	\$ 50	12% = \$6 for 1/2 year 30.6.03	\$206
S. C. Farham, Boyd & Co., Ltd.....	Tls. 100	Final of Tls. 8 making Tls. 15 for year ending 30.4.03	Tls. 122 1/2
Hongkong & Kowloon Wharf & Godown Co., Ltd.....	\$ 50	Interim of \$2 1/2 for 1903	\$92
New Amoy Dock Co., Ltd.....	\$ 6 1/2	\$2 1/2 for 1902	\$38 s.
Shanghai & Hongkong Wharf & Godown Co., Ltd.....	Tls. 100	Interim of Tls. 5 for 1903	Tls. 205 b.
LANDS, HOTELS AND BUILDINGS.			
China Provident Loan & Mortgage Co., Ltd.....	\$ 10	8% = 80 cents per share for 1902	\$9 1/2 sa.
Hongkong Land Investment & Agency Co., Ltd.....	\$ 100	Interim of \$6 for 1903	\$151
K'loon Land & Building Co., Ltd.....	\$ 30	\$2.30 per share for 1902	\$35
West Point Building Co., Ltd.....	\$ 50	Interim of \$1 1/4 for 1903	\$52 1/2 sa.
Hongkong Hotel Co., Ltd.....	\$ 50	\$6 for first 1/2 year 1903	\$146 sa.
Astor House Hotel Co., Ltd. (Shanghai)	\$ 25	2 1/4% for year ending 30.6.03	\$28 b.
Hotel des Colonies Co., Ltd. (Shanghai)	Tls. 25	6% for year ending 31.3.03	Tls. 13 1/2 sa.
Hamphreys Estate & Finance Co., Ltd.....	\$ 10	9 per cent. for 1902	\$11 b.
Sh'hai Land Investment Co., Ltd.....	Tls. 50	Interim of 6% for 1903	Tls. 103 b.
COTTON MILLS.			
Hongkong Cotton Spinning, Weaving & Dyeing Co., Ltd.....	\$ 10	{ Final of 60 cents, making \$1 for 1902/1903 }	\$15 b.
Ewo Cotton Spinning & Weaving Co., Ltd.....	Tls. 50	3% for period ended 31.10.97	Tls. 35 sa.
International Cotton Manufacturing Co., Ltd.....	Tls. 75	Interim of 3% on account of 1898	Tls. 25
Hongkong-mow Cotton Spinning & Weaving Co., Ltd.....	Tls. 100	Interim div. of 4% on acct. of 1898	Tls. 35
Wing Chee Cotton Spinning Co., Ltd.....	Tls. 500	4% for period ended 31.12.00	Tls. 200
CIGAR AND TOBACCO COMPANIES.			
Cambridge, Ltd.....	\$ 500	25% for year ending 30.6.1900	\$250
Philippine Tobacco Trust Co., Ltd.....	\$ 50	None	\$15
Shanghai Sumatra Tobacco Co., Ltd.....	Tls. 20	Interim of Tls. 3 per share	Tls. 52 sa.
MISCELLANEOUS.			
Green Island Cement Co., Ltd.....	10	12% = \$1.20 per share for 1902	\$24 b.
China-Borneo Co., Ltd.....	12	First year	\$8 sa.
S. Watson & Co., Ltd.....	10	Interim of 5% for 1903	\$14 1/2 sa.
Watkins, Ltd.....	10	\$1 per share for 1902	\$7 1/2 sa.
Hongkong Electric Co., Ltd.....	10	40 cents for year ending 30.4.1903	\$12.15 b.
Hongkong & China Gas Co., Ltd.....	5	90 cents for year ending 30.4.1903	\$61 b.
Hongkong Rope Manufacturing Co., Ltd.....	10	10% div. and 1% bonus for 1901	\$140 b.
O. Fenwick & Co., Ltd.....	50	\$10 for 1902	\$147
Hongkong Ice Co., Ltd.....	25	15 per cent = \$3.75 for 1902	\$47 1/2
Hongkong High-Level Tramways Co., Ltd.....	25	Interim of \$4 for 1903	\$245
Ferry Farm Co., Ltd.....	100	\$18 for year ending 31.11.1902	\$320 s.
W. H. Moore & Co., Ltd.....	6	\$1 1/2 for year ending 31.7.1903	\$124 b.
W. H. Moore & Co., Ltd. Eastern Agency, Ltd.....	£0.12.6.	Div. of \$2 1/2 for 1902	\$40 s.
United Asbestos Oriental Agency, Ltd.....	\$ 4	90 cents }	\$5 s.
Do. Founders.....	£ 10	\$29.70 } for year ending 31.5.03	\$210 b.
Hongkong Steam Water-boat Co., Ltd.....	\$ 10	Final of 6% making 12% for year	\$15 1/2 b.
China Light & Power Co., Ltd.....	10	None	\$5 b.
China Investment Co., Ltd.....	50	None	\$5
William Powell, Ltd.....	10	\$1 for year ended 30.6.1903	\$9
De Schipper's Mij, Bosch en Landbouw exploitatie in Singkang, Limited	Gulden 100	{ 4th Interim Dividend of Tls. 7 1/2 paid 15.9.1903 }	Tls. 307 1/2
Shanghai & Hongkong Dyeing and Cleaning Co., Ltd.....	\$ 50	First year	\$50
China Morning Post, Ltd.....	25	First year	\$25
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